

# THE ERIE COUNTY FAIR RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The Erie County Agricultural Society assumes no responsibility in case of loss or damage and, upon this condition only, entries are accepted.
2. Each exhibitor is expected to project an accurate, responsible and courteous message about agriculture, animal care and management and the related industry. Every opportunity should be taken to enhance public awareness and education of proper livestock management and handling practices. There will be no tolerance for exhibitors who do not comply with this requirement.
3. All animals and articles for exhibition must remain on the grounds according to the rules of each department or forfeit their premium unless excused by the Fair Manager of the Society.
4. Competitors for premiums must be holders of a Society Membership or Exhibitor's wristband.
5. Any person making false entry shall forfeit any award on such entry.
6. No entry fee will be refunded, and the Society reserves the right to reject any or all entries.
7. Straw and forage will be available for purchase from a purveyor on the grounds at the current market prices. Exhibitors may furnish their own straw, but storage space is limited.
8. The judges shall withhold a premium where the article or animal is unworthy of an award, except for educational exhibits. Judges are especially directed to withhold the first premium to animals or articles without competition.
9. All premium checks are void after 60 days.
10. All non-sufficient fund (nsf) checks will have a fee applied accordingly.
11. All trucks making deliveries on the Fairgrounds must be off the inner grounds prior to 9:00 AM.
12. All exhibitors must abide by the International Association of Fairs and Exposition National Code of Show Ring Ethics, and when applicable, sanctioned show rules.
13. Express permission and consent of any variation of these rules may be given by the Fair Manager of this corporation who is vested with the authority to give or refuse its consent as (s)he in their judgment believes to be in the best interest of the public welfare and to aid in the promotion and conduct of a safe, orderly and well-operated annual fair and exhibition.
14. As a condition of exhibiting at the Erie County Fair, the exhibitor authorizes the Erie County Fair to use any photographs from the event for future publication.
15. In addition to and not in limitation of the insurance provisions set forth in the Exhibitor Agreement, as an Exhibitor, I agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Erie County Agricultural Society, its directors, officers, employees and agents for any claims, damages or injuries to any person attending the event resulting from my act or omission to act, unless such claim, damage or injury is solely attributable to the willful misconduct or gross negligence of the Erie County Agricultural Society or one of its authorized representatives. Furthermore, I understand that I am responsible for any injuries, losses and claims to third parties resulting from, or caused by, any animal(s) I either registered or directed to be registered at this event. I acknowledge and agree that the Erie County Agricultural Society, its directors, officers, employees or agents shall not be responsible for any damage to, or loss of property (including the animal(s) of any exhibitor (including my own), unless such damage or loss is solely attributable to the willful misconduct or gross negligence of the Erie County Agricultural Society or one of its authorized representatives. The Erie County Agricultural Society reserves the right to deny entry as well as remove any exhibitor who violates the property owner's policies and procedures or who otherwise imposes a reasonable risk of injury to any persons attending the event.

## Protest:

1. Protests regarding any livestock competitions and events held by the Erie County Agricultural Society, during the Erie County Fair, in Hamburg, NY (Youth Livestock Expo & Open Class Livestock Shows) must be made in writing on the appropriate form ([link here](#)), plainly stating the reason for the complaint or appeal. This form along with a \$300 cash deposit must be submitted to the CEO of the Erie County Agricultural Society. The deposit shall be refunded only if the protest is sustained by the Erie County Agricultural Society CEO. If the protest is not sustained, the \$300 will be donated to the Erie County Agricultural Society scholarship fund.
2. Classification and Judges opinion are not eligible for protest.
3. Protests against the exhibition of animals shall be filed at least 3 hours before the start of the show that the animal/ exhibitor is being made against will show in.
4. The CEO of the Erie County Agricultural Society may hold a meeting regarding the protest at which time the party making the protest may present evidence or argument in support of the protest.
5. The written decision of the CEO of the Erie County Agricultural Society shall be final and shall be served by certified mail to the party making the protest within five days of the date on which the protest was heard.
6. Exhibitors of animals at livestock competitions 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.