

2024 OPEN ENTRY BOOK

INDIANA STATE FAIR
**WINE & SPIRITS
COMPETITION**



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OPEN COMPETITIONS & EVENTS GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

1. By submitting an Indiana State Fair Entry Form or online entry, Open Exhibitors agree to all Terms & Conditions.
 - a. Exhibitors entered under one account are also responsible and held accountable to all Terms and Conditions.
2. In the interest of all exhibitors, the Indiana State Fair Board, the agriculture industry, and all breeders of livestock, the following general terms, conditions and listing of prohibited activities are presented to maintain, insure and present a wholesome, high quality educational program. As the showcase of Indiana, it is imperative to promote and allow only ethical behavior by exhibitors at the Indiana State Fair.
3. **The Indiana State Fair Board reserves the final and absolute right to interpret any and all terms and conditions, contained in any and all parts of the Handbook/Premium List and to unilaterally settle and determine all matters, questions or differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incidental to the Indiana State Fair. They further reserve the right to resolve unforeseen matters not covered by general or Department terms and conditions published in the Handbook/Premium List, to amend or add to these terms and conditions as in its judgment it may determine, and to withdraw all premium offerings in all Departments should any emergency exist and circumstances demand.**
4. Fraud, deception, any prohibited activities, or violations of general or Departmental terms and conditions, or any activity determined to be improper or unethical by the Board or Department Superintendent shall not be allowed. Any exhibitor found in violation is subject to sanction and/or disqualification.
5. TAMPERING, ALTERING, AND/OR MISREPRESENTATION relative to any exhibit is prohibited
6. No Exhibitor may take exception to the decisions of an official and/or judge in an unprofessional and/or public manner nor shall any exhibitor or person representing the exhibitor interfere with or show disrespect to any judge or show official.
7. Advertising - Commercial advertisement names or insignia, farm names and family names on 4-H exhibitors or exhibits while showing is prohibited. Distribution or posting of flyers, advertisements or posters are prohibited from being hung in the Coliseum, Youth Arena or any other building, except for those in preapproved areas.

DETERMINATION OF VIOLATIONS OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS

8. The Executive Director or their designee assigned by the Indiana State Fair Board to the Department where a violation of any term or condition established for the Indiana State Fair is reported to have occurred prior to, during or after judging shall make an initial determination as to whether a violation has occurred upon determining a violation has occurred, the Executive Director or their designee shall make a determination as to the appropriate penalty to impose upon the violating person(s). The Executive Director or their designee may choose to impose one, all, or a combination of the following penalties.

PENALTIES

9. The exhibitor in question is disqualified and forfeits all entry and other fees and all premiums, trophies, and awards from the Department.
10. Any or all State Fair premiums, trophies and awards won by an exhibitor in any and all State Fair Departments shall be withdrawn and required to be returned to the State Fair. All entry and other fees are forfeited.
11. The exhibitor and/or his/her immediate family shall be barred from State Fair competition for a period determined by the Executive Director or their designee that may include up to a lifetime.
12. The Executive Director or their designee may impose any other penalty deemed appropriate.

DUE PROCESS

The following due process rights and right of appeal shall be utilized.

13. The Executive Director or their designee shall notify the exhibitor in writing of the violation and penalty imposed within 15 days of the determination of a violation.
14. Within 15 days of receipt of written notification, the exhibitor may appeal the decision in writing to the Indiana State Fair Board. The written appeal must be delivered to the office of the State Fair Board within the 15 days.
15. Within 15 days of receipt of the written appeal, the Executive Director or their designee may rescind his/her initial determination. No further determination as to the reported violation may be subsequently made by the Superintendent. The exhibitor shall have no further remedy available upon the rescission of the initial determination.
16. Should the Executive Director or their designee take no action on the appeal within 15 days from the date of receipt in the office of the Fair Board, the exhibitor may request an appeal hearing no later than 18 days of the initial violation determination. Requests for an appeal hearing must be sent to the State of Indiana Office of Administrative Law Proceedings (OALP) by submitting a petition for review. To submit a request, go online to <https://www.in.gov/oalp/>, select that you are an individual filing for a petition for review. Then:
 - a. Fill out the online form via the link at the bottom of the page (you will be asked to upload a copy of the violation determination);
 - b. Download a paper copy of the request form and mail it to OALP; or

- c. Personally appear at OALP's office located at 100 N. Senate Avenue N802, Indianapolis, IN 46204.
17. OALP shall appoint an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) to conduct an appeal hearing. The ALJ shall issue an order to parties setting a date for the appeal hearing.
 18. OALP's assigned ALJ shall issue a final order concluding the Administrative Review.
 19. Either party wishing to appeal the ALJ's final order may file for judicial review of the order. Any judicial review shall take place in a competent court situated in Marion County, Indiana.

GRIEVANCE

20. Within twenty-four (24) hours of observing any suspected infraction, Exhibitors competing in an Open Class competition shall personally present a Grievance Form (found at www.indianastatefair.com) to the Entry Office in the Communications Building. No other persons have standing to present a Grievance Form. In all cases of grievance affecting an exhibitor, the statement must be verified.
21. A grievance must also be personally presented to the Entry Office within 24 hours of the occurrence of the suspected infraction for all livestock activities and for all other activities prior to the official closing of the State Fair (5 pm the last Sunday of the Fair). In the event a grievance is presented after judging has begun on the item or activity in question, the judging will proceed, and the grievance will be handled as if the grievance were presented following the judging.
22. A grievance must be presented in writing, verified and accompanied by a \$500 cash or money order made out to the Indiana State Fair. The grievance must state the name of the exhibitor, the exhibit and class in question, the specific reason for ineligibility and the terms and conditions that govern the case.
23. The \$500 will be returned if the grievance is upheld. The \$500 will be forfeited if the grievance is not sustained.
24. The Executive Director or their designee shall notify, in writing and within 15 days of receiving the grievance, the person(s) submitting the grievance as to his/her determination of the validity of the grievance and the actions taken as a result of upholding the grievance. If the grievance is denied, the notifications shall state the reasons for denial.
25. The person(s) submitting the grievance shall have the due process rights set forth in the Due Process section of this Entry Book.

JUDGES AND JUDGING

26. The awards will be made by judges who are hired by the Executive Director or their designee.
27. The time at which the judges will pass upon the different classes is determined by the Executive Director or their designee. All exhibition times are subject to change without announcement.
28. Any exhibit not presented promptly when called will be ruled out.
29. The judge, must, if any attempt be made by an exhibitor or his agent to interfere with or influence his decision, report the fact at once to the Executive Director or their designee.
30. An exhibitor who removes a placing ribbon, or authorizes another person to do so, in the presence of the judge, or in any manner insults the judge, shall forfeit all premiums, and be excluded from exhibiting, and the Fair Board may impose any additional penalty it so desires.
31. **Regardless of the number of entries in each class by one exhibitor, only two premiums will be paid in any of the single classes and only one premium in any of the group classes.**
32. Judges shall not award prizes to unworthy exhibits, whether there is competition or not, nor shall they award premiums on articles incorrectly entered or incorrectly named.

APPEALS FROM DECISIONS OF JUDGES

33. The right of an exhibitor to appeal the decision of a judge will exist only when it is charged that the award has been made in violation of the terms and conditions governing the exhibit, or when it is charged that the decision of the judges has been influenced or interfered with by another person.
34. The appellant must give verbal notice to the Executive Director or their designee in which the judging occurred within 2 hours of the judging. The written appeal as described below must be received within 24 hours of the verbal notice. The written appeal must be given to the Entry Office.
35. Appeals from the decision of a judge must be made in writing and must contain at least one specific charge, stating at length the facts relied upon and the term and condition violated, and naming witnesses and their addresses by whom proof is to be made.
36. The Executive Director or their designee shall notify the exhibitor in writing within 15 days of receipt of the appeal as to their findings and actions resulting therein.
37. The exhibitor shall have the due process rights forth in the Due Process section of the Entry Book.

PREMIUMS

38. **Premium checks will be mailed in October for all departments.**
39. Premiums will be paid according to official judges' result sheets and payable to exhibitor name as entered.
40. To expedite delivery of premiums, any exhibitor receiving \$600.00 or more in monetary awards will be required to provide the Indiana State Fair with a completed IRS Form W-9 (W-8BEN for foreign exhibitors) providing a taxpayer identification number. Failure to provide this information will result in the forfeiture of all premium monies. Forms may be picked up at the Barn Offices, at the Entry Office in the Communications Building, or found on the IRS website www.irs.gov.
41. Questions and/or discrepancies noted in issued premium checks must be addressed to the Indiana State Fair Entry Department prior to **December 1, 2024** for resolution. Premium records will be considered closed on **December 1, 2024** and any exhibitor right of protest or re-issue is thereafter relinquished. A \$35.00 handling charge will be subtracted from a replacement check if check is lost, shredded, not cashed timely etc. **Premium checks must be cashed within 90 days of receipt.**

LOSS OR DAMAGE Waiver

42. It is mutually agreed that the Indiana State Fair assumes no liability for any loss of property or any claim for personal injury, including death. The exhibitor herein agrees to release, discharge and indemnify the Indiana State Fair Commission, its component members, and their successors from liability by reason of injury to property and/or persons, including death, which may occur within or upon the premises herein described in any manner connected with use thereof by exhibitor.

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Terms & Conditions ---

1. **Indiana State Fair General Terms and Conditions** - By entering exhibits at the Indiana State Fair, you agree to the Indiana State Fair General Terms and Conditions on **page 3**.
2. **Indiana State Fair Wine & Spirits Department Terms and Conditions** - Please read the Indiana State Fair Wine & Spirits Department Terms and Conditions, as well as each section's terms and conditions. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be familiar with and understand all terms and conditions concerning exhibition.
3. **Conflict of Terms and Conditions** - In the event of conflict between general and departmental terms and conditions, the latter will govern.
4. **Exhibitor Qualifications** - Any Amateur Wine Makers, Professional Winery, or Professional Distillery can enter the Indiana State Fair Wine and Spirit Competition, regardless of your location. Entries from other states are encouraged. Other qualification will be specified by classes entered.
5. **Disqualifications** - Any item that is disqualified will not be displayed during the Indiana State Fair. Any entry that is deemed offensive or inappropriate will be disqualified.
6. **Disputes** - Should any dispute arise; the Indiana State Fair Executive Director reserves the right to determine the proper resolution.
7. **Style Guidelines** - Wine & Spirit categories, style guidelines, judging procedures and contest terms and conditions have been decided by the Indiana State Fair Wine & Spirits Committee.
8. **Judging** - Will be based on style guidelines for each category of wine & spirits.
9. **Modifications** - The Indiana State Fair Indiana Wine & Spirits Department reserves the right to modify categories and/or subcategories to create a flight for judging and prize purposes.

Entry Information

1. All entries must be made in accordance with the terms and conditions.
2. **Online Entry** - To enter the Indiana State Fair Wine & Spirits Competition, please go to www.exhibitorscorner.indianastatefair.com and enter online. Each exhibitor is required to pay an entry fee at the time of entry. An exhibitor will not be considered entered the competition until payment is made in full. Payment can be made online with a valid credit card.
3. If you have any questions, please contact Wine&Spirits@indianastatefair.com
4. **Entry Deadlines and Fees** – see below.

Enter online between May 16, 2024– July 16, 2024

- Amateur Wine Division per entry fee: \$15
- Professional Winery Division per entry fee: \$30
- Professional Distillery Division per entry fee: \$30

5. No entries will be accepted after July 16, 2024.
6. Entry will need to include 3 bottles (750mL each).

Wine & Spirits Delivery Procedure

IMPORTANT

Registered Wine & Spirits Delivery

June 26th – July 16th

1. Entries dropped off before or after these dates will NOT be accepted.
2. **Entry Tags** – Entry Tags or Bottle ID Labels will be available after you register. If you need to go back and print them, please log in to your Exhibitor's Corner account. In your account information you will find your Bottle ID Labels. Please print this document and attach the appropriate label **to each bottle securely with tape** in a way that best allows the sorters to see the front label. Please do not use rubber bands, as those tend to come off in sorting.
3. **Schedule**

Date	Description
May 16 th - July 16 th	Entries accepted online at www.exhibitorscorner.indianastatefair.com
June 24 th – July 16 th	Entry Deliveries Accepted
July 17 th - July 18 th	Organizing and Sorting of Wine and Sprits
July 19 th	All Day Judging
August 9 th	Toast of the Fair & Awards Pick Up – Indiana State Fair Wine Garden presented by Oliver Winery
August 19 th (11am- 7pm)	Awards Pick Up - Indiana Arts Building

August 20 th (9am-3pm)	Awards Pick Up - Indiana Arts Building
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Classes and Class Descriptions

Amateur Wine Division

Division Terms & Conditions:

1. Please read the Terms and Conditions. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be familiar with and understand all terms and conditions concerning exhibition.
- IMPORTANT** 2. This competition is open to any amateur wine makers, regardless of location.
3. Entries may not be submitted that have been made on equipment used for any commercial purpose, including research and production.
4. Professional Wineries, including employees of any commercial wineries entering the Professional Division, may not compete in the Amateur Division.
5. Assistant wine makers of award-winning wines will be announced and listed in official results, but prizes will be presented only to the primary wine maker.
6. **Each entry must consist of three (3) bottles (750mL each).** The Indiana State Fair Wine & Spirits Competition strives to ensure that all entries can be judged **ANONYMOUSLY** to ensure the integrity of blind judging. **Bottles that cannot be judged anonymously for any other reason, will be disqualified and will not be judged. There will be no refund of entry fees or additional purchased items.**
7. Federal Law allows for wineries to blend up to 25% of any vinifera grape variety and still use the 75% dominate verity as the designator. Please select class based on designator.
8. Judges reserve the right to recategorize wines they believe belong elsewhere.
9. Entry labels MUST be taped securely to entries in a way that still allows the sorting team to see the front label. Please do not rubber band the labels, they fall off in handling.

Professional Winery Division

Division Terms & Conditions:

1. Please read the Indiana State Fair Wine & Spirits Division Terms and Conditions. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be familiar with and understand all terms and conditions concerning exhibition.
2. Contest is open to all commercial wineries, regardless of location.
3. Each entry must consist of **three (3) bottles (750mL each)**. Labeled bottles/cans are acceptable.
4. Each wine may be entered only one time. A wine may not be entered in multiple subcategories. A wine may not be renamed and entered in multiple subcategories. Any wine with the same brand name will be disqualified and the entry fee will not be refunded.
5. Entry labels MUST be taped securely to entries in a way that still allows the sorting team to see the front label. Please do not rubber band the labels, they fall off in handling.
6. Judges reserve the right to recategorize wines they believe belong elsewhere.
7. Federal Law allows for wineries to blend up to 25% of any vinifera grape variety and still use the 75% dominate verity as the designator. Please select class based on designator.

All Categories

Category: White Vinifera Varieties

Class #	Class Description
01A	Chardonnay (unoaked)
01B	Chardonnay (oaked)
01C	Gewurztraminer
01D	Gruner Veltliner
01E	Muscat
01F	Pinot Grigio
01G	Riesling
01H	Sauvignon Blanc
01I	Viognier
01J	Blends
01K	Other

04D	Noiret
04E	Blends
04F	Rose
04G	Other

Category: American White & Red Varieties

Class #	Class Description
05A	Catawba
05B	Concord
05C	Niagara
05D	Norton/Cynthiana
05E	Blend
05F	Rose
05G	Other

Category: Red Vinifera Varieties

Class #	Class Description
02A	Cabernet Franc
02B	Cabernet Sauvignon
02C	Malbec
02D	Merlot
02E	Petit Verdot
02F	Petit Sirah
02G	Pinot Noir
02H	Sangiovese
02I	Syrah/Shiraz
02J	Zinfandel
02K	Blends
02L	Rose
02M	Other

Category: Dessert Wines

Class #	Class Description
06A	Port-Style
06B	Sherry-Style
06C	Fruit
06D	Late Harvest-Style
06E	Ice Wine-Style
06F	Other

Category: Sparkling

Class #	Class Description
07A	Bottle Fermented
07B	Tank Fermented
07C	Sparkling Fruit Wine
07D	Carbonated
07E	Other

Category: White Hybrid Varieties

Class #	Class Description
03A	Brianna
03B	Cayuga White
03C	Chardonal
03D	Edelweiss
03E	Frontenac Gris
03F	La Crescent
03G	Seyval Blanc
03H	Traminette
03I	Valvin Muscat
03J	Vidal Blanc
03K	Vignoles
03L	Blends
03M	Other

Category: Fruit Wine

Class #	Class Description
08A	Apple/Pear/Cider/Perry
08B	Stone Fruit
08C	Berry
08D	Flower/Vegetable/Tropical
08E	Fruit Blends
08F	Grape & Fruit Blend
	Naturally Flavored (contains supplemental flavorings besides fruit, yeast, and sugar)
08G	
08H	Other

Category: Honey Wine/Mead

Class #	Class Description
09A	Pure Honey
09B	Honey & Fruit Blend
	Naturally Flavored (contains supplemental flavorings besides honey, fruit, yeast, and sugar)
09C	
09D	Other

Category: Red Hybrid Varieties

Class #	Class Description
04A	Chambourcin
04B	Foch
04C	Marquette

Category: Best in Show

Class #	Class Description
DO NOT ENTER	White Vinifera Best in Show
DO NOT ENTER	Red Vinifera Best in Show
DO NOT ENTER	White Hybrid Best in Show
DO NOT ENTER	Red Hybrid Best in Show
DO NOT ENTER	American White & Red Best in Show
DO NOT ENTER	Dessert Wines Best in Show
DO NOT ENTER	Sparkling Best in Show
DO NOT ENTER	Fruit Wine Best in Show
DO NOT ENTER	Honey Wine Best in Show
DO NOT ENTER	Best Wine Grown in Indiana

Amateur Division Awards:

MEDALS

All wines will receive a double gold, gold, silver, bronze, or no medal. A double gold is awarded to a wine that receives gold from all judges on the panel.

BEST OF SHOW

All wines that the judges choose to move on will compete for Best of Show. The winner will receive a trophy.

Professional Division Awards:

MEDALS

All wines will receive a double gold, gold, silver, bronze, or no medal. A double gold is awarded to a wine that receives gold from all judges on the panel.

INDIANA STATE FAIR WINE OF THE YEAR

All wines, excluding Traminette, that judges decide to move on will compete for this title. The winner will earn the Title of Indiana State Fair Wine of the Year, will receive marketing deal point that will be determined soon, and receive a trophy.

INDIANA STATE FAIR TRAMINETTE OF THE YEAR

All Traminettes that judges decide to move on will compete for this title. The winner will earn the title of Indiana State Fair Traminette of the Year, will receive marketing deal point that will be determined soon, and receive a trophy.

INDIANA WINERY OF THE YEAR

This will be based on an average point system for the top eight wines entered and shall be based upon the following point scale, 8 points for a double gold or Best in Class Award, 4 points for a gold, 2 points for a silver, 1 point for a bronze then divided by the number of entries. In the event of a tie, the winery with the most double golds will win. If there is still a tie, the head judge will convene a tasting panel to judge all double gold winners from the tied wineries. Whichever winery has the highest average will win the title of Indiana Winery of the Year and receive a trophy.

BEST WINE GROWN IN INDIANA

This wine is meant to celebrate wine made from grapes grown exclusively in Indiana. Entrants must check the box during registration indicating the grapes were grown in Indiana to compete for this prize. All wines so designated will be judged in their respective categories, and then all wines receiving double gold or gold will proceed to a further taste off to declare the winner of this category.

Professional Distillery Division

Division Terms & Conditions:

1. Please read the Indiana State Fair Wine & Spirits Division Terms and Conditions. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be familiar with and understand all terms and conditions concerning exhibition.
2. Contest is open to all commercial distilleries.
3. Amateur entrants are not allowed.
4. Each entry must consist of **two (2) bottles**. Labeled bottles are acceptable.
5. Each spirit may be entered only one time. A spirit may not be entered in multiple classes. A spirit may not be renamed and entered in multiple classes. Any spirit found with the same brand name will be disqualified and the entry fee will not be refunded.
6. Entry labels **MUST** be taped to bottles in a way that best allows the sorting team to read the bottle label as well to ensure accuracy. Entry labels are not to be rubber banded to bottles as they tend to come off in sorting.
7. Double Golds are awarded to spirits which receive gold medals from all judges on the panel.

Category: Whiskey

Class #	Class Description	Awards
01A	Malt Whiskey - Under 2 years	Double Gold, Gold, Silver, Bronze Medals
01B	Malt Whiskey - Over 2 years	
01C	Grain/Blended Whiskey - Under 2 years	
01D	Grain/Blended Whiskey - Over 2 years	
01E	Peated/Smoked Whiskey - Under 2 years	
01F	Peated/Smoked Whiskey - Over 2 years	
01G	Bourbon Whiskey - Under 2 years	
01H	Bourbon Whiskey - Over 2 years	
01I	Rye Whiskey - Under 2 years	
01J	Rye Whiskey - Over 2 years	
01K	Corn Whiskey - Under 2 years	
01L	Corn Whiskey - Over 2 years	
01M	Flavored Whiskey	
01N	White Whiskey	
01O	Hopped Whiskey	
01P	Cask Strength (100° or greater)	
01Q	Other	

Category: Rum & Cane Spirits

Class #	Class Description	Awards
02A	Un-aged Rum Molasses Base	Double Gold, Gold, Silver, Bronze Medals
02B	Un-Aged Rum Fresh Cane Base	
02C	Un-Aged Rum Other Sugar Cane Base	
02D	Aged White Rum (Charcoal Filtered)	
02E	Aged Rum Molasses Base	
02F	Aged Rum Fresh Cane Base	
02G	Aged Rum Other Sugar Cane Base	
02H	Spiced	
02I	Flavored	
02J	Other	

Category: Brandy

Class #	Class Description	Awards
03A	Fruit Brandy	Double Gold, Gold, Silver, Bronze Medals
03B	Grape Brandy	

03C	Eau de Vie	
03D	Grappa	
03E	Un-aged	
03F	Other	

Category: Gin

Class #	Class Description	Awards
04A	London Dry	Double Gold, Gold, Silver, Bronze Medals
04B	Old Tom	
04C	Genever (any spirit distilled over juniper that has not been distilled to 90 proof prior	
04D	Contemporary	
04E	Aged Gin	
04F	Other	

Category: Vodka & Grain Spirits

Class #	Class Description	Awards
05A	Flavored	Double Gold, Gold, Silver, Bronze Medals
05B	Unflavored	

Category: Other/Specialty

Class #	Class Description	Awards
06A	Absinthe	Double Gold, Gold, Silver, Bronze Medals
06B	Bottled Amaro Cocktail	
06C	Flavored Liqueurs	
06D	Cream Liqueurs	
06E	Historical Spirits	
06F	Aquavit	
06G	Agave/Tequila/Mezcal	
06H	Other	
06I	Ready-to-Drink Cocktails (contains alcohol)	
06J	Alcohol-Free Spirits (dealcoholized spirits)	
06K	Ready-to-Drink Mocktails (contains no alcohol)	

Professional Division Awards:

BEST OF SHOW - INDIANA STATE FAIR WHISKEY OF THE YEAR

All gold and double gold medal winners will compete for Best of Show. The winning whiskey will earn the Title of Indiana State Fair Whiskey of the Year. The winning whiskey will be sold in the Wine Garden at the Indiana State Fair and receive a trophy. In the event of a tie, a tasting panel assembled by the Head Judge will determine the winner.

BEST OF SHOW- INDIANA STATE FAIR SPIRIT OF THE YEAR (non-whiskey)

All gold and double gold medal winners will compete for Best of Show. The winning whiskey will earn the Title of Indiana State Fair Spirit of the Year. The winning spirit will be sold in the Wine Garden at the Indiana State Fair and receive a trophy. In the event of a tie, a tasting panel assembled by the Head Judge will determine the winner.

INDIANA DISTILLERY OF THE YEAR

This will be based on an average point system, 4 points for a double gold, 3 points for a gold, 2 points for a silver, 1 point for a bronze, then divided by the top eight entries. Whichever distillery has the highest average will win the title of Indiana Distillery of the Year and receive a trophy. In the event of a tie, the distillery with the highest number of double gold or gold medals will win. If there is still a tie, the Head Judge will convene a tasting panel to taste the double gold and gold medal winning spirits from the distilleries.

INDIANA STATE FAIR

Safety Information

All emergencies, safety concerns and suspicious activity should be reported immediately to the Indiana State Fair Operations Center at (317) 927-7520.

Prohibited Items

- No alcoholic beverages may be brought on to the Fairgrounds during the annual Indiana State Fair.
- No person in possession of a deadly weapon shall be permitted onto or be permitted to remain on the Fairgrounds, unless that person can demonstrate that the deadly weapon is intended for sale or trade at an event that is taking place on the Fairgrounds (Indiana Administrative Code, Title 80, Section 11-2-2(b)).
 - The definition of a deadly weapon includes firearms, knives or sharp bladed items (regardless of blade length), or any object carried or possessed with the intent to be used as a deadly weapon.
 - Exhibitors will be permitted to carry and use knives and other tools necessary for the proper care of their animals, tack, and equipment. However, these items may only be carried within the confines of the barn in which the animal(s) is housed. Knives and other tools carried outside of the barn are subject to confiscation under the deadly weapon rules found in the Indiana Administrative Code, Title 80, Section 11-2-2.
- Any deadly weapon found in the possession of a person while on the Fairgrounds is subject to immediate confiscation by persons authorized to provide security protection services as well as city, county, and state police agencies. Federal, state, or local law enforcement officers or those employed or authorized by the Indiana State Fair Commission are excepted from this rule (Indiana Administrative Code, Title 80, Section 11-2-2(a), (c), and Section 11-2-3 (1) and (2)).
- Any person properly licensed to carry a firearm must secure the firearm in a locked compartment of his/her vehicle and it shall not be visible to passersby (Indiana Administrative Code, Title 80, Section 11-2-2(d)).
- No generators (not attached to a working/in transit RV/trailer/living quarters) or animal scales are permitted on the Fairgrounds except those furnished by the State Fair.

Animal Policies & Procedures

- The only animals permitted on the Fairgrounds during the Indiana State Fair are animals registered, boarded or entered for exhibition, show or other competition; animals that will be used in a scheduled performance or to perform work at the Fair; law enforcement animals and service animals. Household and family pets, whether domestic or wild, and service animals not recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Section 36.104 are not permitted on the Fairgrounds during the Indiana State Fair. No person in possession of or having control over an unauthorized animal shall be permitted onto or be permitted to remain on the Fairgrounds (Indiana Administrative Code, Title 80, Section 11-2-4).
- Animals entered for exhibition, show or competition and animals scheduled to perform must remain in approved areas at all times. Violation may be disqualifiable offenses. See individual department terms and conditions for more specific information.

General Safety Policies & Procedures

- Smoking is not permitted inside barns and buildings. Smoking is only permitted in designated areas on the Fairgrounds.
- Cameras are located throughout the Fairgrounds for security and promotional purposes.
- Motorized vehicles, including golf carts, are not permitted in any barns or buildings (IFC 313.1). This does not apply to personal mobility devices. A valid State issued driver's license is required to operate a motorized vehicle including a golf cart on the Fairgrounds.
- Fans are permitted, so long as they have safety-approved shrouds. See individual department requirements pertaining to size, allowable number, and placement of fans.

Tents, Canopies, & Stall Coverings

- Any tent, canopy, or stall covering in a building must be made of a material to allow for or not block water distribution as well as meet or exceed NFPA Standard 701.
- A portable fire extinguisher must be located under each tent, canopy, or covering.

Fire Safety

- The Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office conducts regular inspections of all barns and buildings during the Indiana State Fair to identify any potential fire hazards or threats to life safety. The decisions of the fire marshal are final and will be enforced.

- Fire extinguishers are located throughout every barn and building. They may be used for approved purposes only. Do not use a fire extinguisher if you are not trained on its proper use.
- Most buildings and barns are equipped with fire alarm and/or fire suppression systems. In the event of a fire, these systems should be activated.
- Emergency exits are clearly marked in all barns and buildings. In the event of an emergency, calmly evacuate through the nearest accessible emergency exit.
- Do not store tack/supplies in primary aisle or in front of exit doors.

Severe Weather

- In the event of severe weather impacting the Fairgrounds, be it a severe thunderstorm or tornado, you may receive instructions over the barn or building public address system. If the barn or building is not equipped with a public-address system, State Fair staff will notify people in person.
- During a severe weather situation, you will be asked to remain inside, away from windows and doors whenever possible. Staff may be instructed to close all doors and windows, including overhead doors.
- Larger barns and buildings will be used for shelter-in-place (points of refuge) to allow Fairgoers to seek shelter. This may cause an influx of people into livestock areas and result in the postponement of a show or exhibition. Exhibitors should be mindful of this, keep aisles and walkways clear, and tend to their animals accordingly.

Food Preparation/Cooking Policies & Procedures

- Cooking inside and adjacent to barns and buildings is not advised. The Indiana State Fair Biosecurity plan recommends that food be excluded from animal areas. If cooking and/or food preparation is necessary, the following policies and procedures must be followed:
 - Cooking devices that use open flames, including charcoal and gas grills, exposed heating elements and non-electric power/ fuel sources are not permitted inside or outside barns or buildings.
 - Approved cooking devices are limited to crockpots, or similar slow cookers, and microwave ovens. Cooking devices must have a cover approved for use with the device and comply with all applicable electrical and fire codes. Cooking devices are also required to be powered by approved cords that are not frayed or malfunctioning in any way.
 - Exhibitors cooking in the barns and buildings do so at their own risk and assume all liability for their actions concerning food contamination from pathogens that may be present in or near a livestock area.

Extension Cords

- Extension Cords shall not be a substitute for permanent wiring. IFC 2012 (605.4.1)
- Extension Cords shall not be affixed to structures. IFC 2012 (605.5)
- Extension Cords shall not extend through walls, ceilings, doorways, or floors. IFC 2012 (605.5)
- Extension Cords shall not be buried under carpet or animal bedding.

Multi-plug Adapter/Power Strip

- Multi-plug adapter(s) are prohibited. IFC 2012 (605.4)
- Power strip(s) shall be grounded and be equipped with overcurrent protection. IFC 2012 (605.4.1)
- Power strip shall be directly connected to an electrical outlet (no piggy-backing). IFC 2012 (605.4.2)
- Power strip cords shall not extend through walls, ceilings, doorways, or floors. IFC 2012 (605.4.3)

Animal Wellness & Care

The Animal Wellness & Care Plan (AWAC) was established to reinforce the Indiana State Fair's commitment and belief in the proper treatment of all animals in exhibition. The Indiana State Fair holds exhibitors of the various species of animals being exhibited to the highest standards in wellness, care and ethics of exhibition. The AWAC is responsible for ensuring the most up to date standards as well as to be a source for the public to seek answers to their questions relating to the health and safety of the animals involved in the Indiana State Fair. Failure or refusal by an exhibitor or fairgoer to comply with the Animal Wellness & Care Plan can result in penalties up to and including but not limited to removal and a ban from the Fairgrounds for the duration of the event.

Biosecurity

The Indiana State Fair Biosecurity Plan was developed to prevent the outbreak of diseases carried by both animals and humans that spread pathogens that can be transmitted to and from farm animals, as well as through the food supply. Many diseases and pathogens can be prevented through maintaining the cleanliness of facilities and encouraging good hygiene. The Biosecurity Plan will be enforced during the Indiana State Fair and all exhibitors are expected to carryout and preform basic biosecurity and hygienic task including:

- Hand Washing/sanitizing following exposure to animals and always before consuming food or drinks
- Excluding human food and food preparation from animal areas
- Maintaining general cleanliness of animals and animal areas
- Properly disposing of animal waste/soiled bedding in properly identified/designated areas
- Cleaning-up after your animal if it soils/has a biological event in a building/Fair common space
- Reporting the appearance or evidence of animal/human sickness or distress to Fair officials

Failure or refusal to comply with the above can result in penalties up to and including but not limited to removal and a ban from the Fairgrounds for the duration of the event.

The Indiana State Fair is committed to providing opportunities for all 4-H participants to show their animals as part of the State Fair. The State Fair also wants to ensure the integrity of its 4-H competitions as is evidenced by the various terms and conditions set forth in this Entry Book, including its policy with respect to testing for unauthorized substances in certain animals that are entered into these competitions and the penalties associated with positive results. By entering into these competitions, you agree to these terms and conditions and as such, we strongly recommend that you read this information carefully prior to submitting your entry.