

General Livestock Rules

1. Exhibitors must furnish their straw and feed, and for sanitary reasons, their own water pail and feed trough.
2. It is requested by the Fair Board that all exhibitors keep their stalls and pens in a clean and sanitary condition.
3. No stalls or pens will be rented for feed and equipment purposes unless space is available.
4. Entry fees on livestock will be collected in advance.
5. Health papers MUST be available to veterinarian upon request. The superintendent of each department may request suspicious animals to be inspected by the official vet and those which are diseased will be refused admission to the grounds or removed from the grounds.
6. All breeding animals must be owned by the exhibitor at the time of entry. All breeding animals must be registered, tattooed and have their health and registration papers available. If any discrepancy is found the animal shall be disqualified and the exhibitor shall be barred from the Fair for a period of two years. If anyone enters any animal in any other name than that of the bona fide owner, no premium shall be paid even though one could be awarded by the judge, and such exhibitor shall be barred from exhibiting any animal at this Fair for a two year period.
7. No person may be permitted to remain overnight within the grounds except those over 20 years old and holding a season or exhibitor's ticket. All others must file for a permit with the Fair Secretary at time entries are made.
8. An exhibitor may make no more than two entries in any one class.
9. Only the exhibitor and the animal being shown are allowed in the ring at the time of judging. **Exhibitors must wear entry tag number while in the ring.**
10. Any entry scratched must be reported prior to the showing of the class.
11. The Menard County Fair Board reserves the right to refuse any livestock entries.
12. All entries close *JULY 17, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.*, entries can be mailed, e-mailed, or made in person at the fair office before this date.
13. **EACH CLASS HAS AN ENTRY FEE THIS INCLUDES GROUP / PAIR CLASSES. YOU MUST ENTER THE GROUP / PAIR CLASSES TO EXHIBIT. LIVESTOCK ENTRIES WILL BE POSTED IN THE BARN AREA AT THE TIME THE LIVESTOCK IS TO BE ON THE GROUNDS FOR CHECK IN. THERE WILL BE A TWO (2) HOUR PERIOD IN WHICH THE EXHIBITORS ARE TO CHECK THE POSTING FOR ERRORS. AT THE END OF THE TWO (2) HOUR PERIOD ENTRIES WILL STAND AND NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE TO THE CLASSES. NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO SHOW IN A CLASS IF THEY ARE NOT ENTERED.**
14. Exhibits and livestock are required to be in place for exhibition on the fairgrounds for a minimum of three days, except for exhibits and livestock in 4-H club shows, junior shows, one-day shows and in Departments C, D, E, Q, R, S, T, V and Z. The county fair board may require specified exhibits and livestock to stay beyond the minimum 72-hour exhibition time. The number of days the exhibit or livestock must be on the fairgrounds for exhibition shall be indicated in the Premium Book (Section 260.55). If recommended by the county fair's veterinarian and approved by fair, early dismissal of livestock may be granted for the following reasons: disease outbreak, severe hot weather, or other existing conditions which may result in the death of livestock. The IL Dept. of Ag may also grant early dismissal of livestock and other exhibits in emergency situations upon recommendation of fair management in the case where facilities have been lost due to fire, wind, or heavy rain damage to tents and barns, or loss of electrical power, or if facilities cannot accommodate livestock due to space limitations. All eligible early dismissals shall be followed up in a letter to the IL Dept of Ag. (Note: Early release to go to another fair is not allowed nor is the Superintendent allowed to release early.)

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