

DEPARTMENT J – 2024 HORTICULTURE

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Exhibitors Fee: \$5.00 per exhibitor (unlimited entries in this department)
Entry Fee: -0- for this department

<u>ENTRY DEADLINE</u>	<u>EXHIBITS RECEIVED</u>	<u>DISPLAY HOURS</u>	<u>EXHIBITS RELEASED</u>
THURSDAY 8/1/2024 By 5:00 pm	THURSDAY 8/8/2024 10:00 am – 3:00 pm	SATURDAY-SATURDAY 8/10/24 - 8/17/24 12:00 – 9:00 pm	SUNDAY 8/18/2024 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

PREMIUMS & AWARDS:

Premiums will be awarded in all classes where there is at least one exhibitor. Please note: Premiums are paid by results as stated in the Official Judge's Book. Ribbons do not constitute a premium. Ribbons will be awarded in all classes.

1st place - \$10.00, 2nd place - \$8.00, 3rd place - \$6.00



BEST OF SHOW AWARDS: Rosettes will be awarded to the “Best of Show” in each Horticulture Division, selected from the 1st place class winners in the division. **A \$10 premium will be awarded.**

Please pick up your ribbons when you pick up your exhibits.
They will not be mailed by MontanaFair.

GATE ADMISSION: Non-refundable Exhibitor's Discount tickets (\$6) and all week wristbands (\$50) can be purchased on the online entry system if purchased at time of entry. Exhibitor discount tickets will not be available after August 1, 2024.

DEPARTMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS: Exhibitors must read and observe the General Rules and Regulations of MontanaFair as listed on the last pages of this document. In the event of a conflict between the MontanaFair General Rules and Department J – Horticulture Department Special Rules, department rules will govern.

1. Vases will be provided by MontanaFair for the display of cut flowers.
2. Some flowers are not meant to be cut for display as they do not display well after cut. Please consult internet to see which are not to be cut and enter them in the cut flower division in pot.
3. Please do not add more stems or items than this class list calls for, otherwise they will be disqualified.
4. The Superintendent shall have the right to remove or replace any item after judging that has become unsightly. See Rule #3.
5. Any entry that displays a noxious weed will be disqualified.
6. MontanaFair is not liable for any printing errors or omissions from this department's information or the website.

DIVISION 1 – Cut Flower Exhibits - Open

All flowers in Division #1 must have been grown by exhibitor, (children must prepare and arrange their own exhibits). Submit minimum of three flowers (per class entry) or six or more flowers in collections. Type of flower includes all varieties and colors. Exhibitors are limited to one entry per class.

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J-1-101 Asters
J-1-102 Begonias
J-1-103 Carnations
J-1-104 Calendulas
J-1-105 Celosia
J-1-106 Chinese Lanterns
J-1-107 Coreopsis
J-1-108 Cornflowers
J-1-109 Cosmos
J-1-110 Dahlias
J-1-111 Dianthus
J-1-112 Daisies
J-1-113 Delphiniums
J-1-114 Echinacea
J-1-115 Gallardias
J-1-116 Geraniums
J-1-117 Gladiolus
J-1-118 Gomphrena
J-1-119 Hollyhock
J-1-120 Lilies
J-1-121 Lisianthus
J-1-122 Marigolds
J-1-123 Pansies
J-1-124 Phlox
J-1-125 Rose – Miniature
J-1-126 Rose – Single

J-1-127 Rose – One Bloom (In Exhibitor's own Bowl)
J-1-128 Shasta Daisies
J-1-129 Snapdragons
J-1-130 Statice
J-1-131 Strawflowers
J-1-132 Sunflowers
J-1-133 Sweet Peas
J-1-134 Zinnias
J-1-135 Any Other Annual (not listed)
J-1-136 Any Other Perennial (not listed)
J-1-137 Any Novelty Flower (not listed)



DIVISION 2 – Cut Flower Exhibits – Youth (17 & Under)

All flowers in Division #2 must have been grown by the youth exhibitor, prepared, and arranged by them. Submit minimum of three flowers (per class entry). Type of flower includes all varieties and colors. Exhibitors must be entered under their own name and are limited to one entry per class.

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J-2-101 Asters
J-2-102 Begonias
J-2-103 Carnations
J-2-104 Calendulas
J-2-105 Celosia
J-2-106 Chinese Lanterns
J-2-107 Coreopsis
J-2-108 Cornflowers
J-2-109 Cosmos
J-2-110 Dahlias
J-2-111 Dianthus
J-2-112 Daisies
J-2-113 Delphiniums

J-2-114 Echinacea
J-2-115 Gallardias
J-2-116 Geraniums
J-2-117 Gladiolus
J-2-118 Gomphrena
J-2-119 Hollyhock
J-2-120 Lilies
J-2-121 Lisianthus
J-2-122 Marigolds
J-2-123 Pansies
J-2-124 Phlox
J-2-125 Rose – Miniature
J-2-126 Rose – Single

J-2-127	Rose – 1 Bloom (Exhibitor's own Bowl)	J-2-133	Sweet Peas
J-2-128	Shasta Daisies	J-2-134	Zinnias
J-2-129	Snapdragons	J-2-135	Any Other Annual (not listed)
J-2-130	Statice	J-2-136	Any Other Perennial (not listed)
J-2-131	Strawflowers	J-2-137	Any Novelty Flower (not listed)
J-2-132	Sunflowers		

DIVISION 3 – Potted or Hanging Plants - Open

This division is open to all exhibitors. Exhibitors are limited to one entry per class.

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J-3-101	African Violets	J-3-108	Geraniums
J-3-102	Aloe	J-3-109	Ivy
J-3-102	Begonias	J-3-110	Petunias
J-3-103	Cacti or Succulents	J-3-111	Philodendron & Pothas
J-3-104	Dish Gardens or Planters	J-3-112	Terrariums
J-3-105	Fairy Dish Gardens	J-3-113	Other Potted Plant (not listed)
J-3-106	Ferns	J-3-114	Hanging Plant (not listed)
J-3-107	Foliage Dish Garden or Planter (non-flowering)		

DIVISION 4 - Container Garden – Planters - Open

This division is open to all exhibitors. Exhibitors are limited to one entry per class.

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J-4-101	Collection of Growing Blooming Patio Plants (single container)
J-4-102	Collection of Succulents (single container)
J-4-103	Fairy Garden or Planter
J-4-104	Collection of Fruit or Vegetable Producing Plants (single container)

Vegetables

1. Minimum of 3 specimens per entry unless noted.
2. Cutting an entry is at the discretion of the Judge.
3. Leave one inch of stem on most vegetables. Circular with information on "Harvesting & Preparing Vegetables for Exhibits" is available at the County Extension Office to assist in proper preparation. Exhibitors identify/name and the variety on the entry tag.
4. Judging vegetables will be based on the following:
 - A) Prime Culinary Quality - 50 % - (Taste, texture, smell, maturity, substance, color, (inside or out), weight for size, type or variety)
 - B) Form - 25 % - (Little waste, meaty, typical)
 - C) Condition - 15 % - (Limp, degree of maturity, blemished, groomed, clean)
 - D) Consistency/Uniformity - 10 % - (Shape, size, color, stage of maturity, length)

The outstanding points to consider in selecting a vegetable are quality and condition. The judging of a vegetable exhibit is generally based on the readiness of the product for immediate use. The quality of the product is determined by actual test. Medium sizes are generally preferred to the very large sizes. Uniformity, a point which applies to exhibits that include more than one specimen, is particularly important. Uniformity largely determines the appearance of the exhibit. Avoid specimens that are

over ripe, immature, stringy, pithy, woody, corky, pulpy, irregular, wilted, cracked, discolored, coarse, sunburned or diseased. All specimens should be free of dirt, decay, rust spots, blemishes and insect damage.

DIVISION 5 - Vegetables - Open

This division is open to all exhibitors. Exhibitors are limited to one entry class. See rule #2 and rule #4 above for proper preparation.

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| J-5-101 | Beans - Bush or Row |  |
| J-5-102 | Beans - Wax | |
| J-5-103 | Beets - Table | |
| J-5-104 | Broccoli (1 head) | |
| J-5-105 | Cabbage - Heirloom, Salad, Etc. (1) | |
| J-5-106 | Cabbage - Variety (Napa, Sale, Red Dragon, Chinese, Etc. (1 head) | |
| J-5-107 | Corn | |
| J-5-108 | Carrots – Baby | |
| J-5-109 | Carrots – Long | |
| J-5-110 | Cauliflower (1 head) | |
| J-5-111 | Cucumber – Burpless | |
| J-5-112 | Cucumber – Slicing | |
| J-5-113 | Cucumber – Sweet Pickling | |
| J-5-114 | Cucumber – Dill Pickling | |
| J-5-115 | Eggplant | |
| J-5-116 | Garlic (1 full head) | |
| J-5-117 | Kale | |
| J-5-118 | Kohlrabi | |
| J-5-119 | Lettuce or Other Green (Bibb, Salad, Blend) | |
| J-5-120 | Lettuce – Head (1 head) | |
| J-5-121 | Onions – Bunch | |
| J-5-122 | Onions – White or Yellow | |
| J-5-123 | Onions – Salad | |
| J-5-124 | Parsnips | |
| J-5-125 | Peas In-A-Pod (Snap, Snow, Etc.) | |
| J-5-126 | Pepper – Chili (any small chili pepper) | |
| J-5-127 | Pepper – Green | |
| J-5-128 | Pepper – Red | |
| J-5-129 | Pepper – Yellow | |
| J-5-130 | Pepper – Bell | |
| J-5-131 | Pepper – Habanero | |
| J-5-132 | Pepper – Jalapeno | |
| J-5-133 | Pepper - Any Other Variety (list variety) | |
| J-5-134 | Potatoes | |
| J-5-135 | Pumpkin – Ornamental (Small) | |
| J-5-136 | Pumpkin – For Décor or Jack O’ Lantern (1 Medium or Large) | |
| J-5-137 | Pumpkin – For Pie or Desserts (1) | |
| J-5-138 | Gourds – Any | |
| J-5-139 | Radishes | |
| J-5-140 | Rhubarb | |
| J-5-141 | Rutabaga | |
| J-5-142 | Spinach | |
| J-5-143 | Swiss Chard | |
| J-5-144 | Squash – Buttercup (1) | |
| J-5-145 | Squash – Summer (1) | |
| J-5-146 | Squash – Winter (1) | |
| J-5-147 | Squash – Zucchini | |
| J-5-148 | Squash – Any Other (not listed) | |
| J-5-149 | Tomatoes – Cherry | |
| J-5-150 | Tomatoes – Beefsteak | |
| J-5-151 | Tomatoes – Heirloom | |
| J-5-152 | Tomatoes – Roma | |
| J-5-153 | Tomatoes – Any Other Red | |
| J-5-154 | Tomatoes - Green | |
| J-5-155 | Tomatoes – Any Other (not listed) | |
| J-5-156 | Turnips | |
| J-5-157 | Any Other Vegetable (not listed) | |
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DIVISION 6 - Vegetables – Youth (17 Years & Under)

All vegetables in Division #6 must have been grown by the youth exhibitor and prepared by them. Submit minimum of three items (per class entry) unless noted. All classes are any variety, any color unless noted. Youth exhibitors must be entered under their own name. Exhibitors are limited to one entry per class.

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J-6-101	Beans - Bush or Row	J-6-129	Pepper – Yellow
J-6-102	Beans - Wax	J-6-130	Pepper – Bell
J-6-103	Beets - Table	J-6-131	Pepper – Habanero
J-6-104	Broccoli (1 head)	J-6-132	Pepper – Jalapeno
J-6-105	Cabbage - Heirloom, Salad, Etc. (1)	J-6-133	Pepper - Any Other Variety (list variety)
J-6-106	Cabbage - Variety (Napa, Sale, Red Dragon, Chinese, Etc. (1 head)	J-6-134	Potatoes
J-6-107	Corn	J-6-135	Pumpkin – Ornamental (Small)
J-6-108	Carrots – Baby	J-6-136	Pumpkin – For Décor or Jack O’ Lantern (1 Medium or Large)
J-6-109	Carrots – Long	J-6-137	Pumpkin – For Pie or Desserts (1)
J-6-110	Cauliflower (1 head)	J-6-138	Gourds – Any
J-6-111	Cucumber – Burpless	J-6-139	Radishes
J-6-112	Cucumber – Slicing	J-6-140	Rhubarb
J-6-113	Cucumber – Sweet Pickling	J-6-141	Rutabaga
J-6-114	Cucumber – Dill Pickling	J-6-142	Spinach
J-6-115	Eggplant	J-6-143	Swiss Chard
J-6-116	Garlic (1 full head)	J-6-144	Squash – Buttercup (1)
J-6-117	Kale	J-6-145	Squash – Summer (1)
J-6-118	Kohlrabi	J-6-146	Squash – Winter (1)
J-6-119	Lettuce or Other Green (Bibb, Salad, Blend)	J-6-147	Squash – Zucchini (1)
J-6-120	Lettuce – Head (1 head)	J-6-148	Squash – Any Other (not listed)
J-6-121	Onions – Bunch	J-6-149	Tomatoes – Cherry
J-6-122	Onions – White or Yellow	J-6-150	Tomatoes – Beefsteak
J-6-123	Onions – Salad	J-6-151	Tomatoes – Heirloom
J-6-124	Parsnips	J-6-152	Tomatoes – Roma
J-6-125	Peas In-A-Pod (Snap, Snow, Etc.)	J-6-153	Tomatoes – Any Other Red
J-6-126	Pepper – Chili (any small chili pepper)	J-6-154	Tomatoes - Green
J-6-127	Pepper – Green	J-6-155	Tomatoes – Any Other (not listed)
J-6-128	Pepper – Red	J-6-156	Turnips
		J-6-157	Any Other Vegetable (not listed)

Fruits

Rules:

1. Minimum of 3 specimens (6 for berries) per entry unless noted.
2. Cutting an entry is at the discretion of the Judge.
3. Exhibitors identify/name and the variety on the entry tag.
4. Judging fruits will be based on the following:
 - A) Prime Culinary Quality - 50 % - (Taste, texture, smell, maturity, substance, color, (inside or out), weight for size, type or variety)
 - B) Form - 25 % - (Little waste, meaty, typical)
 - C) Condition - 15 % - (Limp, degree of maturity, blemished, groomed, clean)
 - D) Consistency/Uniformity - 10 % - (Shape, size, color, stage of maturity, length)

The outstanding points to consider in selecting a fruit are quality and condition. The judging of a fruit exhibit is generally based on the readiness of the product for immediate use. The quality of the product is determined by actual test. Medium sizes are generally preferred to the very large sizes. Uniformity, a point which applies to exhibits that include more than one specimen, is particularly important. Uniformity largely determines the appearance of the exhibit. Avoid specimens that are over ripe, immature, stringy, pithy, woody, corky, pulpy, irregular, wilted, cracked, discolored, coarse, sunburned or diseased. All specimens should be free of dirt, decay, rust spots, blemishes and insect damage.

DIVISION 7 – Fruits - Open

This division is open to all exhibitors. Exhibitors are limited to one entry per class.


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J-7-101	Apples – Red, Any	J-7-110	Honeydew -- Any
J-7-102	Apples – Green, Any	J-7-111	Hops – Any
J-7-103	Apples – Yellow, Golden Delicious	J-7-112	Plums -- Any
J-7-104	Apples – Crab - Any	J-7-113	Raspberries - Any
J-7-105	Blackberries – Any	J-7-114	Strawberries – Any
J-7-106	Cantaloupe -- Any	J-7-115	Watermelon - Any
J-7-107	Cherries – Any	J-7-116	Berries – Any Other (not listed)
J-7-108	Gooseberries – Any	J-7-117	Melons – Any Other (not listed)
J-7-109	Grapes – Any (1 bunch)	J-7-118	Fruit – Any Other (not listed)

DIVISION 8 – Fruits – Youth (17 & Under)

All vegetables in Division #8 must have been grown by the youth exhibitor and prepared by them. Submit a minimum of three items (per class entry) unless noted. All classes are any variety, any color unless noted. Youth exhibitors must be entered under their own name. Exhibitors are limited to one entry per class.

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J-8-101	Apples – Red, Any	
J-8-102	Apples – Green, Any	
J-8-103	Apples – Yellow – Golden Delicious	
J-8-104	Apples – Crab - Any	
J-8-105	Blackberries – Any	
J-8-106	Cantaloupe -- Any	
J-8-107	Cherries – Any	
J-8-108	Gooseberries – Any	
J-8-109	Grapes – Any (1 bunch)	
J-8-110	Honeydew -- Any	
J-8-111	Hops – Any	
J-8-112	Plums -- Any	
J-8-113	Raspberries -- Any	
J-8-114	Strawberries – Any	
J-8-115	Watermelon -- Any	
J-8-116	Berries – Any Other (not listed)	
J-8-117	Melons – Any Other (not listed)	
J-8-118	Fruit – Any Other (not listed)	

DIVISION 9 – Fresh Homegrown Herbs & Teas

This division is open to all exhibitors. Exhibitors are limited to one entry per class.

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J-9-101	Basil	J-9-106	Rosemary
J-9-102	Cilantro	J-9-107	Thyme
J-9-103	Dill	J-9-108	Herb Collection (3 varieties of herbs)
J-9-104	Mint	J-9-109	Tea
J-9-105	Parsley		

DIVISION 10 – MOTHER NATURE’S SURPRISES – Open

This division is open to all exhibitors. Exhibitors are limited to one entry per class. Submit one specimen per entry.

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J-10-101	Funniest Vegetable (not decorated or enhanced)
J-10-102	Longest Vegetable
J-10-103	Biggest Vegetable
J-10-104	Heaviest Vegetable
J-10-105	Braved the “Weather of the Year”

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT CONTEST

*Designer’s Choice of Fresh Flowers, Artificial Flower, or Plants
Arranged in Exhibitor’s Vase or Planter
Arrangements may be decorated or enhanced.*

*Class JC-20-101 ~ Little Sprout – 10 Years & Under
Class JC-20-102 ~ Youth – 17 Years – 11Years Old
Class JC-20-103 ~ Adult – 18 Years and Older*



*Contest Premiums ~ 1st \$25.00 – 2nd \$20.00 – 3rd \$15.00 – 4th \$10.00
One entry per exhibitor*

*Exhibits will be accepted at Montana Pavilion on Thursday, August 8th
10:00 am – 3:00 pm*

Show Us your SUNFLOWER CREATION from this year.

MontanaFair wishes to acknowledge the importance and beauty of sunflowers.

Sunflowers are a symbol of happiness and optimism.

It can be crafty, it can be informational, it can be anything highlighting the sunflower!

Class JC-20-104 ~ Little Sprout – 10 Years & Under

Class JC-20-105 ~ Youth – 17 Years – 11 Years Old

Class JC-20-106 ~ Adult – 18 Years and Older

Contest Premiums ~ 1st \$25.00 ~ 2nd \$20.00 ~ 3rd \$15.00 ~ 4th \$10.00

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2024 MONTANAFAIR

GENERAL INFORMATION/RULES & REGULATIONS

THE PRESS: Please contact our Marketing Department at 256-2400 for information and credentials.

MAIL FACILITIES: Exhibitors and others may have their mail addressed in care of MontanaFair, PO Box 2514, Billings, MT 59103 or MontanaFair, 308 6th Avenue N, Billings, MT 59101. Postage due or COD deliveries will not be accepted.

EMERGENCY MESSAGES: Emergency messages for exhibitors should be directed to the MontanaFair Entry Office at (406)256-2400 or the Yellowstone County Sheriff at (406)256-2441.

ADVERTISING: Under no circumstances will any person or firm be allowed to place any advertising matter upon buildings, fences, trees or any place on the grounds, nor will it be permitted to distribute any advertising or sell articles outside the space assigned. No political advertising, petition solicitors, subscription or sheet writers.

INTERPRETATIONS & LIABILITY: MontanaFair Management reserves the right to interpret all rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, arising out of and not covered by them. Any person who violates any of the rules as published on the MontanaFair website www.montanafair.com will forfeit all privileges and premiums and may be subject to such penalty as ordered by MontanaFair management. Submission of written or online entry serves as agreement from exhibitor to comply with this statement.

In the event of General and Department Special Rules conflict, the Department Special Rules will govern.

MontanaFair, MetraPark and Yellowstone County, MT, their employees, agents or board members thereof will assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, death or theft, sustained by person, property or livestock of any exhibitor, exhibitor's family or employees, concessionaire or spectator. Every animal and article upon the grounds shall be under the control of MontanaFair management.

Management will put forth every effort to ensure the safety of articles after their arrival, but in no case will it be responsible for loss, theft, damages, livestock injury or death which may occur while in transit or during the time of exhibition.

DOGS: No dogs, except certified service dogs and dogs entered into competition will be allowed in any exhibit building, arenas or on the carnival midway. All dogs on the grounds must have proof of current vaccinations and health requirements as per Yellowstone County. All dogs must be on a leash at all times. Dogs, small and large animals shall not be left in vehicles or trailers or be unattended in the any parking lot or other area of the MontanaFair grounds. Unleashed dogs or dogs left unattended will be reported to the Yellowstone County Animal Control Department.

SERVICE VEHICLES: The use of private motorized service vehicles (golf carts, all-terrain vehicles, etc.), ARE NOT ALLOWED at the 2024 MontanaFair.

DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENTS: Each Superintendent will have charge of the department assigned and listed on the departmental information materials. The Superintendent will have charge of the building display spaces, stalls and equipment within the department. Rearrangement of stalls and spaces will be done only with supervision and as agreed by the Superintendent.

ENTRY INFORMATION

ALL DEPARTMENTS & EXHIBITORS:

1. MontanaFair accepts online entry only. www.montanafair.com
2. Entries are not considered complete until all applicable fees have been paid.
3. Should an individual enter either an animal or article in the name of another than that of the bonafide owner, or attempt to perpetrate a fraud by misrepresentation of any fact, the entry thus made must be removed from exhibition and all fees paid and premiums or awards must be forfeited.
4. Any entry which may have been inadvertently or erroneously entered may, at the discretion of the Department Superintendent or Judge, be transferred to the proper class prior to judging.
5. Exhibitors will cooperate at all times to conduct the best possible fair.
6. **Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated** and the offending exhibitor will forfeit all premiums due and exhibit may be immediately dismissed from the fairgrounds.
7. MontanaFair is not responsible for errors in website information.

CHECKS RETURNED/DENIED CREDIT CARDS: Any exhibitor issuing a check for payment of entries, stalling or gate admissions which does not clear their account for any reason, will have five days to make payment to keep entries eligible to participate in competition. This applies to credit card transactions that are denied. A \$30.00 fee will be assessed to the exhibitor. This fee must be paid in cash, money order or cashier's check prior to competition. If MontanaFair has not been notified of transaction denial or returned check prior to judging, any premiums earned will be withheld.

REFUNDS: MontanaFair has a firm no refund policy. While recognizing that illness or injury of an exhibitor or livestock occurs, and other events or reasons can come up between entry online and exhibits are received, no refunds of any fees are permitted. Submission of online entry acknowledges the NO REFUND POLICY.

CODE OF ETHICS: MontanaFair is a member of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) and will abide by the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics when conducting MontanaFair 2024 as printed at www.fairsandexpos.com/pdf/ShowRingCodeofEthics.pdf

EXHIBIT RULES & REGULATIONS

JUDGES: Every effort is expended to provide competent judges. No exhibitor or spectator will be allowed to interfere with a judge in the performance of his/her duties Exhibitors, owners, agents or representatives should not converse with judge until all judging of applicable exhibits has been completed. Under no circumstances should anyone converse during class judging.

DELAY OF JUDGING: Exhibitors must arrange for the prompt showing of all exhibits at the call of the judge. At the judge's discretion, any exhibit not presented promptly when called may be disqualified. Call for "closing of the gate" is at the Department Superintendent's discretion.

UNWORTHY EXHIBITS: Judges must not award a prize to an unworthy exhibit. No premiums will be awarded to undeserving exhibits where there is competition or not. Judges are allowed to award premiums as they feel worthy. The decision of the judge shall be final and no appeal will be considered except in cases of formal protest. As ribbons and awards can be given in error at time of exhibit pickup or dismissal from a class after judging, please be aware that premiums are not paid by ribbons received. The judge's placing in the official judge's book designates the premium paid.

PROTESTS:

1. Protests (whether formal or informal) must be submitted in writing, signed and accompanied by \$50.00 cash or certified check (refundable if the protest is sustained). The protest must plainly state the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Department Superintendent immediately after the occasion for the protest. A protest pertaining to eligibility is most suitable when submitted prior to judging.
2. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation.
3. Depending on the basis of the protest, interested parties may be notified and given the opportunity to submit evidence. A decision may be withheld until a complete investigation can be made.

4. No complaint or appeal that a judge overlooked an entry will be considered.
5. Consult 4-H Livestock (A) & Non-Livestock (N) departments for 4-H grievance policy.

PREMIUMS:

- Exhibitors receiving premiums in excess of \$600.00 must provide a completed, signed and dated W-9 with the personal social security number or federal taxpayer identification number. Name on W-9 must match the exhibitor as stated on the official entry form or online entry submission.
 - Provided there are judged exhibit(s) in a class, all placings and premiums may be awarded except as otherwise provided in rules in any department.
 - **Premiums will not be paid according to tags or ribbons, but by the awards as recorded in the judge's book. The judge's record is final.**
 - Fair Management does not guarantee the payment of special premiums offered by merchants or private parties. These special premiums are accepted in good faith by MontanaFair.
 - Combined or cancelled classes are at the discretion of the Department Superintendent. Combined classes will receive only one premium for placings.
 - Ties for placing will result in split premium.
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- **Premium checks not cashed within 90 days from date of issue will become stale-dated & void.**

