



Open Class Exhibitor Guide and Premium List

Northern Wisconsin State Fair
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Dates to remember: Dates and times are subject to change, watch the website for updates.

- **April 15** Early Bird begins **\$15.00**. Online entry is preferred, assistance available from the office.
- **May 31** Last Day for Early Bird Price. On June 1 the price is **\$20.00**.
- **June 21** Last day to enter. Exhibitors are responsible for making sure tags are correct.
- **Northern Wisconsin State Fair, July 12 - 16, 2023**

Keep in mind:

- This guidebook is for 2023. Do NOT use an old guide as some changes are made each year.
- **Judges are looking for exhibits that show excellence in their competitive areas. Be selective in the items you choose to enter in our Fair competition.** Choose quality over quantity.
- Our fair is governed by our local fair board AND the State of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection. We are bound by state law in many areas of our operation.
- Carefully read and observe all the rules and regulations contained within this document. If you have questions, e-mail dtotzke@nwsfa.com or call the Entry Department at 715-723-2861, ext. #103.

Dept	Schedule	Arrival		Judging		Location	Removal
A01	Dairy Cattle	Fri, 7/14	10am-4pm	Sun, 7/16	8am	Custer Coliseum	Sun, 7/16 After 4pm
A02	Beef Cattle	Fri, 7/14	10am-4pm	Sat, 7/15	8am	Custer Coliseum	
A04	Sheep	Fri, 7/14	10am-4pm	Sat, 7/15	1pm	Custer Coliseum	
A05	Goats	Fri, 7/14	10am-4pm	Sun, 7/16	After Dairy	Custer Coliseum	
A06	Draft Horse	Fri, 7/14	9am-2pm	Sat, 7/15	10am	Horse Arena	
A06	Draft Horse	Sat, 7/15	By apt 12-7a	Sun, 7/16	11am	Horse Arena	
A07	Poultry	Fri, 7/14	10am-4pm	Sat, 7/15	1pm	Poultry/Rabbit	
A11	Llamas	Fri, 7/14	9am-2pm	Fri, 7/14	4pm	Custer Coliseum	Mon, 7/17 11am- 6pm
A14	Plants & Soil	Mon, 7/10	11am-6pm	Tue, 7/11	1pm	Building B	
A15	Flowers & House Plants	Mon, 7/10	11am-6pm	Tue, 7/11	9am	Building B	
A16	Natural Sciences	Mon, 7/10	11am-6pm	Wed, 7/12	4pm	Building B	
A18	Cultural Arts	Thu, 7/6	11am-6pm	Fri, 7/7	9am	Building A	
A19	Antiques	Thu, 7/6	11am-6pm	Fri, 7/7	9am	Building A	
A20	Photography	Thu, 7/6	11am-6pm	Fri, 7/7	1pm	Building A	
A21	Beer & Wine	Mon, 7/10	11am-6pm	Wed, 7/12	4pm	Building B	
A25	Culinary Arts	Mon, 7/10	11am-6pm	Tue, 7/11	9am	Building B	
A25	Heritage Contest	Thu, 7/13	3:30-4:30pm	Thu, 7/13	5pm	Building B	
A26	Clothing	Thu, 7/6	11am-6pm	Fri, 7/7	9am	Building A	
A27	Knitting & Crocheting	Thu, 7/6	11am-6pm	Fri, 7/7	11am	Building A	
A28	Home Furnishings	Thu, 7/6	11am-6pm	Fri, 7/7	11am	Building A	
A28	Quilts	Thu, 7/6	11am-6pm	Fri, 7/7	1pm	Building A	

Welcome! Important Information for Open Class Exhibitors

1. Exhibitor Guide Availability

- a. April 15 is the goal each year.
- b. Available at no cost – online or by stopping at the Fair office to pick one up.
- c. Mailed by request for a \$5.00 printing and postage fee. By participating and exhibiting at the NWSF you authorize the use of pictures, audio and video production for advertising and marketing needs of the NWSF, our sponsors and media.

2. Method of Entry

- a. Online entry is expected. Contact the Entry Department for assistance. MasterCard and Visa accepted.
- b. Full payment must be included at the time of entry.
- b. **New software New Terminology – Department – Division (not Class) - Class (not Lot)**
- c. For livestock entries, all paperwork (health, YQCA, etc) must be delivered to the office prior to the registration deadline (see page 1).
- d. The NWSF reserves the right to reject any entries.

3. Perks of Entering

- a. Sharing your talents with the visitors to the Fair.
- b. One (1) gate admission armband (\$25.00 value). Allows entry to the grounds for the entire fair.
- c. Additional discounted gate admission armbands may be purchased at the time of completing the entry form for \$20.00 each. Maximum of 4 discounted tickets per exhibitor.

4. Entry Tags

- a. Entry tags will be mailed prior to June 26, for a \$2 fee. Pick up at the office 8-4pm weekdays.
- b. Entry tags include the following information: department, class, and lot.
- c. Tags for all non-animal exhibits must be attached as specified by the department.
- d. Animal exhibitors will receive a printout.
- e. The claim ticket is to be retained by the exhibitor and must be shown to pick up all non-animal exhibits. All removal dates are listed on page one of the exhibitor book.
- f. After June 21, only the department superintendent can make changes or additions. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to ensure entries and tags are accurate prior to this date.
- g. Items/animals that will be shown at any other Wisconsin fair that receives state aid must be declared at the time of entry. No animal or item may receive premiums more than once in a calendar year.

5. Entry changes, additions, substitutions

- a. Superintendents may recommend changes after the entry deadline, including on bring-in day.
- b. Exhibits entered in the incorrect classes may be disqualified or at the judge's discretion they may be judged, and a ribbon may be awarded, but no premium will be issued.

6. Entry Fee Refunds:

- a. Any cancellation of entries must be made no later than five days prior to the opening of the fair. No refunds will be made after that date.

7. Entry arrival / drop off.

- a. Non-animal entry arrival dates/times are listed on page 1.
- b. Animal entries MUST provide all required health records prior to unloading any animal. Paper copies are preferred and should be delivered to the Entry Department or the Superintendent of livestock before animals are unloaded at fairgrounds. All animals exhibited should be identified by registration name and numbers or by ear tag number. All interstate health certificates accompanying any exhibition animal that originate outside of Wisconsin must be provided to fair personnel to be inspected and kept on file with the fair organizer.

8. Judging

- a. Judging times are subject to change based on entry count, and judges' schedule.
- b. Types of judging:
 - Danish: typically used for youth divisions. All items compared against a scorecard, not other items. All items are eligible for a ribbon and a premium.
 - American: typically used for open class competitions. Items are ranked by comparison to each other. Only the top four items earn a ribbon and premium.

- The judge may recommend no premium be awarded if the exhibit is not worthy of that placing.
- c. When there are less than three exhibits entered in a lot, the exhibit(s) may be moved to a Miscellaneous/AOB Lot at the time of judging. Learn more about this rule by researching DATCP, ATCP 160.07(1).
- d. The decision of the judges will be final.
- e. Judging reports are the only evidence for payment of premiums. Premiums are paid ONLY as listed on the signed judges' awards sheets and NOT from ribbons attached to the exhibit or from newspaper reports of premium listing.
- f. No judge can make an addition or an alteration in an award book.
- g. No person can act as a judge in any case where he/she may be an exhibitor.
- h. No person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward judges or show or fair officials
- i. All judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect.
- j. Only first prize winners are eligible to compete for champions.
- k. No exhibitor will be allowed more than one exhibit in any lot number, except in animal divisions as listed in the department section of the exhibitor book.
- l. No animal or article shall compete for more than one premium (except as part of a herd, collection, or special premium).

9. Premiums & Ribbons

- a. Ribbons may be donated back to the Northern Wisconsin State Fair, by bringing them to the office.
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- c. Premium amounts are listed in the guide and may vary by department, class and lot.
- d. Premium checks will be available as listed in the department section.
- e. No local checks will be mailed. Local is defined as zip code 54729.
- f. Out of area checks will be mailed one week after the fair ends.
- g. The NWSF reserves the right to make deductions from premiums because of early removal of exhibit from the grounds, fraud or fees owed.
- h. Premium checks will be honored for 90 days after issuance. Checks not cashed within 90 days will not be re-issued.
- i. Checks not received or errors in premium checks must be reported within one month after the fair ends. After that date, no changes will be made, or checks issued.

10. Parking & Entry to the Grounds

- a. Main Gate opens to the public at 9:00am. East Gate is staffed at 7:30am.
- b. No admission to the grounds for anyone without a ticket or pass.
- c. Parking passes may be purchased at the office. They are not a guarantee of a parking space. All exhibitors, vendors and guests with parking passes will be required to park in general parking areas.
- d. No trailers are allowed to park on site. After unloading animals, trailers will be taken to an off-site designated parking lot.
- e. Watch for NEW parking regulations near the NEW buildings.
- f. Towaway zones include Fire Lanes near the barns. Restricted Parking Areas for emergency and/or authorized administration only. Handicapped parking. Overnight without authorization.
- g. Free Parking is available outside fairgrounds next to the cemetery and at the Chippewa Hockey Arena (shuttle service available, see website for hours). Please be respectful of our neighbor's properties. Do not park on the cemetery lanes.
- h. Follow instructions of parking lot attendants.
- i. Drive slowly while driving through the grounds.
- j. Absolutely no trailers may be parked on the fairgrounds.

11. Removal of Exhibits.

- a. Any exhibits, equipment or decorations removed from the fairgrounds prior to the scheduled release will be subject to a penalty as the Fair Board may order. Early removal may result in loss of awards, loss of premium, or being barred from competition.

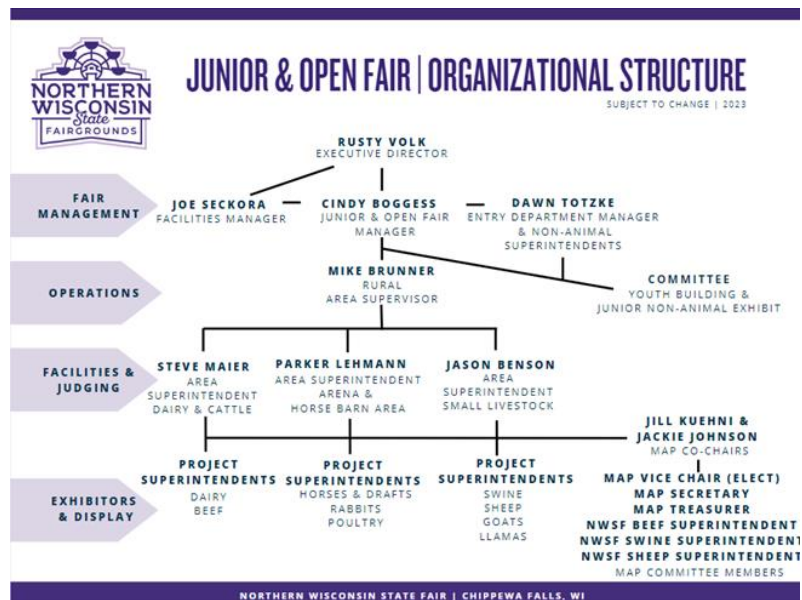
- Our fair is open to the public, who expect to see animals, until late afternoon on Sunday, please be prepared to stay until the posted times.
 - Permission for early removal must be approved by the fair board. Contact the Department Superintendent AND the Fair Office.
- Non-animal exhibits must be claimed according to the dates/times on page 1. Exhibits not picked up will be disposed of one month after the fair ends. Culinary Arts exhibits will not be returned to exhibitors.
 - Removal of animal exhibits prior to the release time and date will result in loss of premium unless permission is given by the fair board.
 - Before release of the animals from the fair, exhibitors are expected to thoroughly clean their animal's areas and cages, in all buildings and place the manure into proper manure dumpsters.
 - All signs, decorations, nails, tacks, and staples must be removed from stall and display areas. This includes construction lumber (you put it up and you take it down)

12. Camping

- Sleeping in the barns is strictly prohibited by state and local fire codes.
- Camping reservations are filled on a first come first served basis, beginning April 15, at 9am.
- Reservations may be made online through our website or at the fair office.
- Payment must accompany camping requests. Payment will be refunded if the campground is full.
- Only camping requests from Livestock Exhibitors will be honored due to limited space.
- A camping permit will be issued and must be displayed on the camper.
- Confirmation will be sent by e-mail after reservations are received.
- Rates are subject to change, watch the website for the most up to date rates.
- No generators or campfires.
- Water hook-up is not guaranteed. Campers may hook up to water if available with the approval of NWSF grounds supervisor.
- Water hoses and picnic tables are not provided.
- Minors MUST stay with and be supervised by their responsible adult while camping.
- Campers are responsible for cleaning their campground area. Failure to clean up your area will result in forfeiture of camping privileges in the future.
- Camping is not allowed in unauthorized areas of the fairgrounds.
- Failure to keep alcohol in a secure location and away from minors will result in forfeiture of camping privileges in the future. All state and local laws must be followed.

13. Leadership Structure

- The general supervision of grounds and the entire exhibition is vested in the Executive Director of the NWSF.
- The Superintendents of each department will oversee exhibits, employees and volunteers in their respective departments. Superintendents will be responsible for all activities in their departments to present the best possible show and experience for exhibitors and guests. Superintendents are responsible for assuring all state, county and local rules and regulations are upheld.
- The office leadership team structure



14. Ethics & Guidelines for non-animal exhibits Open 14-28 & Junior 10-33

- All non-animal exhibits, except for antiques, must be produced by the exhibitor.

- b. Misrepresentation of an item's origin constitutes fraud, and the exhibitor shall forfeit all awards.
- c. Should a premium be found to have been obtained by false evidence or misrepresentation, or a violation of any of the foregoing rules, the premium will be withheld by the NWSF.

15. Ethics & Guidelines for livestock exhibits Open 01-11 & Junior 01-13

- a. Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall always conduct themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship.
- b. Conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and integrity to promote the advancement of education in agriculture.
- c. All livestock exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at the Northern Wisconsin State Fair. Exhibitors must provide and use only their own utensils and water buckets when caring for livestock.
- d. There will be no on-site livestock trailer parking. An offsite parking location is available to exhibitors.
- e. Absolutely no food or beverages are allowed in the barns.
- f. All Entries will be judged by certified specialty judges using the single judge system.
- g. Electrical appliances other than fans are not permitted in the barns.
- h. Only outdoor rated extension cords, in good condition, can be used in barns.
- i. Exhibitors having space awarded them or any others will not be allowed to change exhibits to another position without first having obtained consent of the superintendent of the department, under penalty of a forfeiture of premiums.
- j. **PREMISE ID REGISTRATION:** A premise ID must be provided before animals can be unloaded and exhibited. For more information you may contact: WI DATCP at 608-224-4872 or go to the DATCP website: http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Premises_Registration/index.aspx or the WI Livestock Identification Consortium at <http://www.wiid.org>. Please read the Animal Health Regulations and the ATCP 160 rules at the end of this document or on our website, www.nwsfa.com.
- k. Exhibitors of livestock will be responsible for when their stock will be judged. Stock must be in the show ring shortly after being called. Any person failing to comply with this order will be ruled out of competition.
- l. Exhibitors of livestock are required to display over each stall or pen occupied by their stock, a printed placard containing the name, breed, and age, with registry of the animal exhibited.
- m. Each animal shall be exhibited to the entire satisfaction of the judge. No person shall be permitted in the ring while the stock is being judged except the judge, the superintendent, and the necessary attendants.
- n. Cattle, horses, mules can enter the ring only under halter and in charge of a groom, sheep, and swine only in charge of an attendant. Livestock will not be permitted to run at large at any time.
- o. All ribbons or cards shall be attached by the judge before the animals leave the enclosure.
- p. Persons exhibiting purebred animals will be required to furnish the name and register numbers of the animals to be exhibited and pedigree to the superintendent in charge when the animal is checked in.
- q. Satisfactory evidence supported by affidavit or otherwise, must be furnished to the Superintendent that breeding animals four years old and up, must have produced a living offspring within the last two years which must be considered in judging breeding qualities. No award will be made where there is unsoundness in breeding animals if there is any question as to its transmissibility.
- r. Exhibitors showing livestock must be at least 8 years old.
- s. Any animal that appears to have an illness or injury must be checked by a veterinarian at the exhibitor's expense before the animal will be allowed to be unloaded or participate.
- t. The NWSF will take every precaution in its power for the safe preservation of stock and articles on exhibit after its arrival and arrangement on the fairgrounds. Exhibitors are requested to pay attention to their article or animal in the exhibition and at the close of the fair, take charge of the same. The NWSF will not be held responsible for any damage or accident that may occur. Exhibitors will be held responsible for any damage or accident which may be caused by their entries. NWSF will not in any way be responsible for non-animal articles left after 6pm on

Monday following the final day of the fair.

- u. All stock sold at the fair during fair week shall be reported to the Superintendent in charge, giving the name of the owner and purchaser. The Superintendent shall report all sales to the Entry Department.
- v. The NWSF has adopted certain precautionary measures designed to meet the unusual animal health problems which arise whenever large numbers of animals from different sources are assembled for exhibition. All exhibitors must comply with the provisions set forth below.
- w. Health records should be delivered to the Entry Department or the Superintendent of livestock before animals are unloaded at fairgrounds. All animals exhibited should be identified by registration name and numbers or by ear tag number. All interstate health certificates accompanying any exhibition animal that originate outside of Wisconsin must be provided to fair personnel to be inspected and kept on file with the fair organizer.
- x. Animals must be transported in clean and disinfected cars trailers and trucks to and from the fair.
- y. Animals should not be unloaded or left in a stockyard during transit.
- z. Vaccination for shipping fever of dairy and beef animals is recommended.

16. NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

- a. The Northern Wisconsin State Fair Board has adopted the following IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expositions) NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHIC RULES, and as supplemented were deemed necessary by the Fair Board, which shall be applied to all exhibitors of the Northern Wisconsin State Fair:
- b. CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows 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. In addition to the "IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.
- c. All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.
- d. The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:
 - 1) All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership, and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
 - 2) Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
 - 3) Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
 - 4) Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie

evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory, to which it is sent, is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

- 5) Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animals performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
- 6) The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited. There is a zero tolerance of mistreatment of animals and exhibitors will result in loss of premiums and a ban from future showing at the NWSF.
- 7) Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
- 8) No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such an individual to disciplinary action.
- 9) The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
- 10) The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expos and any special notices to members.
- 11) The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities

17. Liability Information

- a. Northern Wisconsin State Fair Association, Inc. and Northern Wisconsin Fairgrounds, Inc. and all their respective officers, directors, and employees (collectively, "NWSFA") shall not be held responsible for any loss, damage, theft, or injury or deaths by disease or from any other cause of any character to any property while any such property is on the Fairgrounds. NWSFA hereby assumes no responsibility for any accident, injury or mishap which may befall you, your property, or members of the fair-going public.
- b. NWSFA will not be responsible for losses or the security and protection of property and merchandise belonging to license holders, entry tag coupons, reserve seats and fair admission ticket holders

anywhere on the Fairgrounds. NWSFA will provide general grounds security during the week the Fair is open; however, licensed holders and exhibitors shall take their own adequate steps to avoid theft or damage to their property. Any loss or damage should be reported to the Chippewa Falls Police Department and the NWSFA administration office.

- c. Licensees and exhibitors shall waive any claims against NWSFA for liability arising out of any damage done to their concession, exhibit, products, or property from any cause. The risk of loss occasioned by all the operations, installations, acts, errors and omissions of the licensee or the employees and agents of the licensee on the Fairgrounds shall be that of the licensee, not NWSFA. Licensees shall not seek contribution, damages, or indemnification from NWSFA for any such loss.
- d. Licensees and exhibitors shall assume all liability for injury to persons, including death, and for damage to property arising from accidents or other causes incident to movement, set-up, tear-down and operation of their exhibit and/or concession on the Fairgrounds. Licensees and exhibitors shall release NWSFA from any liability, including, but not limited to, liability for licensee's employees and to its workers' compensation insurance carrier for injuries sustained by licensee's employees in the course and scope of their employment occurring on the Fairgrounds.
- e. Licensees and exhibitors shall indemnify and hold harmless NWSFA, with counsel acceptable to NWSFA, from all damages, claims, costs, liabilities, obligations, fines, penalties, and expenses, including but not limited to, attorneys' fees, accountants' fees and court costs, arising out of the actions, errors, omissions, movement, set-up, tear-down and operation of the Licensee's and exhibitor's exhibit, concession, support equipment, and/or provision of service(s) on the Fairgrounds.
- f. If licensees, exhibitors, or others interested in any property located on the Fairgrounds desire protection against any loss, damage, or injury from fire or from any other cause, they must make their arrangements and pay for such insurance. NWSFA does not provide insurance coverage for the benefit of any licensee or exhibitor. Stock and articles on exhibit after its arrival and arrangement on the fairgrounds. Articles left after 6pm on Monday following the final day of the fair.