

GENERAL INFORMATION

For information not herein contained, please contact
Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show
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Mercedes, TX 78570
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EMERGENCY FIRST AID STATION

An emergency first aid station will be established and maintained on the showgrounds.

PARKING

Parking attendants will be on hand to direct traffic to the various parking areas. Vehicles parking in unauthorized areas will be towed away at the expense of the owner. Cars parked in the parking lots should be locked and empty of people. All trucks, trailers, and vehicles of exhibitors, not used daily, must be parked on the auxiliary parking lot which is provided free of charge. The lot is located on the West side of the Show grounds.

STOLEN OR LOST PROPERTY

The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show will not be responsible for stolen or lost property before, during or after the Show.

SECURITY & POLICE

Law enforcement officers will be on hand to give assistance if needed. The Livestock Show will not be responsible for lost, damaged or stolen property. The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show is also NOT responsible for accidents.

CONCESSION STANDS

All who operate or work in stands of any kind that serve drinks or food must comply fully with local, county and state health department requirements. Concessionaires are responsible for paying all state sales taxes and permit fees.

DELIVERIES

All persons or firms making deliveries to the showgrounds must purchase a commercial delivery permit. Permits will be sold for \$50, which entitles the purchaser to one delivery vehicle windshield sticker. This sticker must be affixed to the windshield of the delivery vehicle and will admit the vehicle, driver and one attendant.

VETERINARIAN

Dr. Lucas Hinojosa, Official Show Veterinarian, or members of the Rio Grande Valley Veterinarian Association will be on call at all times. To obtain the services of a veterinarian, exhibitors should contact their division superintendent, or the main livestock show office.

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER

Only photographers displaying the badge “Official Photographer” are authorized to operate on the showgrounds and to charge exhibitors and others for their services. News Media, Breed Association Representatives and other persons may take pictures provided they will not be sold to others.

RETURNED CHECKS

A \$35 charge will be made for all checks returned due to insufficient funds, account closed or other reasons.

SPECIAL NOTICE

It will be considered a favor if visitors will report to the management any mistreatment or extortion practices by an employee of the livestock show, concessionaire, or carnival. Do not wait until the show is over to file a complaint, but report immediately as then is the time redress can be made.

STATEMENT OF POLICY

Persons, organizations, or corporations desiring to present their product, or their views may lease space in the areas designed for this purpose by the management. Such space shall be assigned in accordance with a predetermined plan. Whenever practical, however, each lessee will be given preference in leasing the same space the following year.

To maintain the public areas in a safe, neat, and sanitary condition, and to promote a pleasant and carefree atmosphere, no lessee shall conduct any portion of its operations outside the space leased to it. Nor shall any persons, group or corporation conduct business, distribute samples or printed material, or make any solicitation or presentation of any nature on the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Showgrounds except within the areas leased by it. Begging, soliciting, singing or public speaking are strictly prohibited.

The above STATEMENT OF POLICY is an implied condition in every contract or lease agreement and is part of the General Rules and Regulations of the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show published only in the Premium List.

OBJECTIONABLE EXHIBITS & DISPLAYS

The management reserves the right to remove from the grounds any exhibit, animal, concession, show, sign, banner, advertising matter or merchandise of any kind that may be falsely entered or deemed objectionable, without assigning a reason, and if necessary, to return any money paid for space or stalls, which shall exonerate the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show from any claim whatsoever on the part of the exhibitor or purchaser.

GATES

The Show will open to visitors beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 9, 2023, and each day of the Show thereafter from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight, except Friday and Saturday nights when gates will be open until 1:00 a.m. No one will be allowed on the grounds after 1:00 a.m., other than those holding proper credentials.

DOGS/PETS

DOGS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON THE SHOWGROUNDS because of safety and public health regulations. This rule will be strictly enforced and applies to all exhibitors and their employees, vendors, Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show committee members, volunteers and Show visitors. The only exception is official entries in a sanctioned RGVLS competitive and/or entertainment event or certified service dogs. Service dogs must have proper credentialing. Dogs entered in the Pet Show must be removed from the Showgrounds immediately after the Pet Show is completed.

