

2026 CENTRAL WASHINGTON STATE FAIR RULES AND REGULATIONS SEPTEMBER 25 – OCTOBER 4, 2026

GENERAL RULES APPLY TO ALL DEPARTMENTS

The Board of Directors of the Central Washington Fair Association has endeavored to make this Fair truly representative of the interests of Central Washington, and to provide wholesome and varied entertainment for the patrons. The Board will welcome suggestions for improving the Fair.

1. Entries are open to all youth. Entries may be made by youth of age 4 after January 1 of current year through youth in grade 12 or can be 19 years of age if birthday is after January 1 of the current year, or you may enter if you are 20-21 with a current FFA or Association membership card. Must show proof of card. Age limits may vary within areas, so please check the area you wish to enter. Example: in Open Class and Youth Foods departments, the minimum age limit is 8 years old. In the livestock department most departments are age 5, however please check each department and call the superintendent if unsure.
2. Exhibit entries for all departments can be registered online at <https://fairfun.fairwire.com>. Refer to departments for department specific requirements to register an entry.
3. All entry fees are nonrefundable after August 24, 2026. A \$20.00 office charge per exhibitor per exhibit will be charged on all entry refunds up to this date. After August 18, NO REFUNDS will be issued unless extenuating circumstances exist. Written requests will be reviewed and, if approved, an additional \$20.00 will be charged per exhibitor per exhibit.
4. **1099 INFORMATION** - If you are expecting to receive \$600.00 or more in premiums, premium checks will not be issued unless we have a **social security number or I.D. number of the owner and /or the ranch name.**
5. Fair Management reserves the right to accept, reject entirely, or accept conditionally any entry or applications. At the discretion of the Area Superintendent or Management, any exhibit deemed not worthy will not be exhibited.
6. Exhibits entered in the wrong classes may be reclassified at the discretion of the Superintendent in all departments.
7. If our judging staff deems that any entry is created by a professional, it will be judged in the professional category if one is available. If not, the item(s) will be disqualified.
8. If an item is disqualified, exhibitor will be notified.
9. Judges may not award a prize to any unworthy exhibit. It is the intention of the Fair that no premium or distinction of any kind shall be given to any animal or article that is not deserving. The CWSF will do its best to make sure that all prizes and premiums are paid. If you think that your item should have received an award and you have not received that award or check by December 31, 2026, please call the CWSF office.
10. Please cash premium checks when you receive them. They will not be honored after April 30, 2027, for the 2026 CWSF and will not be reissued. Lost or stolen checks will not be reissued. Ribbons and Rosettes that are lost or stolen will not be replaced.
11. **Judges have the right to recommend No Placement and Premiums when a disciplinary problem, regarding conduct in the show-ring, exists.**

12. No person shall be allowed, under any circumstances, to interfere with the judges during their adjudication, or with the Fair's staff, or to offer any criticism of an exhibit of another. Violators of this rule shall be excluded immediately from the judging area and from competition and be subject to such additional penalties, including cancellation of awards, as the management shall consider proper.
13. The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases under their jurisdiction except where mistake, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion (not discovered at the time of the award) is proven. In such cases, the authority of Management shall be final.
14. Management and/or Superintendents reserve the right to cancel the class where there is no competition, or where there are fewer entries in a class than the number of premiums offered. Judges may, in their discretion, award premiums of such grade as the exhibitor deserves. No award will be made for champions. If an exhibit does not qualify for a listed class, that exhibit will be entered under a miscellaneous/other class, if a miscellaneous/other class exists. If not enough exhibits are entered in an American-judged department, one or all classes may be canceled.
15. Should any animal or article awarded a prize be disqualified, the one gaining the lower prize shall graduate up into the higher position next in order above them, if in the opinion of the judge they are worthy of such prize and is completed at the time the judging occurs.
16. Most of the people who come to the Fair do so to see the exhibits of superior livestock and other products of the farm, and the home. To offer an attractive and interesting fair, exhibits must be kept in place throughout the closing day. The exact time at which displays may be removed is listed in the rules. No article or animal may be removed before such time without special permission of the manager, and any article or animal removed without such permission will forfeit any premiums won. Exhibits must stay in their department area for all days of the Fair unless management displays them elsewhere.
17. Any person knowingly violating any of the following rules of the Fair will thereby forfeit and may be barred from receiving any premium that may be awarded to him/her.
18. No exhibitor may receive more than one (1) cash award in any one class, unless otherwise stated.
19. Premiums and prizes are paid only from the records of the Judge's sheet. Ribbons, tags, or cards have no value as to payment. Premium checks will be payable to the person whose name is on the entry form. Animal entries must be entered under the owner's name - see livestock entry requirements for clarification.
20. The Association will have security on the grounds and will use every reasonable precaution in its power for the preservation and protection of persons, livestock, general entries, property on exhibition, but will not be responsible for loss or damage by theft, fire or otherwise. The owner of livestock exhibit(s) will be solely responsible for any loss, injury, disease or damage done to or occasioned by or arisen from, any animal exhibited by him/her and will release the Central Washington Fair Association from any liability from loss, damage or injury to livestock, fair patrons, or other property while such is on the grounds of the Central Washington State Fair. Should the Central Washington Fair Association file suit or action against any exhibitor on any cause, the exhibitor agrees to pay to the Fair Association such reasonable sums, as attorney fees, as the court having jurisdiction of the case may determine. Livestock exhibitors will always give necessary and personal attention to their stock and at the close of the Fair must take entire charge of and remove the same promptly. No officer or employee of the Fair has authority to suspend or change this rule.
21. Due to fire regulations issued by the State Fire Marshal, no smoking will be permitted in Fair Buildings or Barns.
22. No one will be allowed to sleep in the Barns and Buildings.

23. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed to be brought in by exhibitors or consumed in exhibit buildings and/or barns. The exception is where alcohol is sold.
24. **Only animals entered for competition are permitted except service animals accompanying persons with disabilities, i.e. dogs and mini horses.**
25. All decorating on the Fairgrounds, in or out of buildings, must be done with flameproof products.
26. All entries must remain on display during the entire Fair unless show dates are fewer than the entire 10 days of the Fair. IF entries are relocated to other areas of the fairgrounds by area superintendent or fair management the exhibitor will be notified.

PROTESTS

Superintendents shall have authority over all matters within their respective areas, subject to the Management. Protest of decisions may be submitted to the Board, whose decision is final. All protests must be in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$50.00, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the entry office within 12 hours after the cause of protest.

PARKING

1. Cars will be towed from designated parking if left overnight or are without a proper sticker and impounded at owner's expense and risk. A livestock parking area behind the livestock barns is available on a limited basis for a fee. Call Entry Office for more information.
2. Large trucks that are not being moved daily may be parked in a designated area.
3. At 10:00 AM every day, all vehicles must be moved from within the Fairgrounds gate to designated parking areas or they will be impounded at the owner's risk and expense.
4. Parking credentials will be required at Gate 11. We are no longer using Dalton Lane as an entrance.

DEPARTURES

All exhibitors picking up their exhibits and/or displays will be required to have some form of ID to indicate ownership. Also check department rules pertaining to release.

RULES & REGULATIONS STATEMENT

The Fair Board has made every effort to make these rules and regulations definite and clear but reserves the final and absolute right to interpret them as may become necessary, settle controversies arising out of, connected with, or incident to the Fair.

Central Washington Fair Association Mission Statement

Facilitate commerce, education, and leisure activities through production of the annual Central Washington State Fair and promotion and/or production of enterprise and public events throughout the calendar year with a commitment to:

- Preserve historical qualities and values of the site and facilities;
- Strategically improve land use, facilities, and infrastructure that respond to emerging markets and production demands;
- Administer a business plan focused on market penetration, economic performance, public service, and self-sufficiency;
- Produce or support diverse events including expositions, conferencing, trade, entertainment, sports, and education;
- Provide a safe, secure, friendly, and enjoyable environment;
- Extol the participation of social, civic, and public groups and individuals;
- Build on established traditions for future generations.

Central Washington Fair Association Animal Welfare Policy

Central Washington Fair Association believes that every animal participating in activities of the Central Washington State Fair and all other interim events shall always be provided proper care and management in the best interest of the animal's welfare. All animals and livestock shown, housed, or displayed shall receive care that is humane, healthful, stress free, and consistent with public expectations and in compliance with state and federal laws.