

Rules and Regulations

INTERPRETATION OF RULES

The Board of Directors reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, or incident to the fair.

ADMISSION

1. Exhibitors of livestock will be required to purchase an exhibitor's pass, which admits the exhibitor to the grounds any time during the fair.
2. All persons (excepting children under 12 years of age) must be provided with a ticket to obtain admission to the grounds.
3. All campers will pay \$75.00 per unit for the fair.
4. All entries must be entered between 9:00 am to 8:00 pm Wednesday, August 17, 2011. No exhibits will be admitted after that time. Judging will take place early Thursday morning.
5. Superintendents will be at the grounds Wednesday, August 17, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. to whom exhibits must be taken. No exhibits will be received after that time unless for display only.
6. No exhibitor will be allowed to make more than one entry in any one lot. Articles in sets cannot compete for single premiums. No exhibitor can compete for regular and special premiums. The entry must specify whether special or otherwise.
7. Stock and art must be entered in the name of the bona-fide owner and grain, vegetables, fruit and dairy products must have been raised or made by the exhibitor thereof during the past year.
8. Every article in competition must correspond in number and description with the premium list and be in proper class in order to obtain premiums. No change or alteration will be permitted after books are placed in the hands of the judges. Unless OK'd by the superintendents.
9. No animal or article will be assigned a place on the grounds until entry shall have been made.
10. Each entry tag shall be securely attached to the entry itself or the stall, pen or receptacle in which it is shown.
11. All livestock and poultry entries will be released at 7:00 p.m. Sunday. All other entries will be released at 8:00 p.m. Sunday.
12. Premiums and prizes will not be paid on any entries leaving before assigned release times.
13. Grains and field seeds shall consist of two quarts by measure and containers will be furnished.
14. Exhibition of articles not competing for premiums must be arranged for at the secretary's office and will be arranged as far as possible in conformity with the wishes of the exhibitor. The superintendents have the right to disqualify exhibits that are not the work of the exhibitor.
15. Checks to all premium winners will be mailed.
16. No prize ribbons or cards received at any other or preceding fairs or any bills of advertising will be allowed to be attached to exhibit stall or distributed upon the grounds until after awards have been made.
17. The same article or item cannot be entered in more than one class at the fair.
18. The Swift County Fair Association does not provide insurance on exhibits and cannot be held responsible for loss in case of fire, but every precaution will be taken to prevent such an occurrence.
19. Visitors at the fair are urged to use every means to avoid accidents occurring at the fair as the Swift County Fair Association does not assume responsibility.
20. Any person carrying passengers and doing general delivery work to and from the fair grounds, or selling goods of any kind will be required to purchase a season ticket.
21. No roller skates, in-line skates, skate boards, bicycles, scooters, golf carts, ATV's or other wheeled vehicles are allowed on the Swift County Fairgrounds without the consent of the Board of Directors.
22. No person or group of persons shall banner, picket, march, protest, demonstrate or caucus on the Swift County Fairgrounds before or during the fair in any manner that interferes with the convenience or safety of any county fair patron, exhibitor or employee. Anyone doing so will be made to leave the Swift County Fairgrounds and stage in a space designated by the Board of Directors outside of fenced perimeter at the farmost SW corner of the fair grounds.
23. Exhibitors wishing to park their cattle trailers at the fairgrounds for the duration of the fair may do so but in a specific area of the grounds designated by the Board of Directors for that purpose.
24. There will be no personal vehicles or support vehicles allowed

inside the grounds for any reason during fair hours without fair board approval. Any unauthorized vehicles parked inside the fairgrounds will be towed at owner's expense.

AWARDS

1. The superintendent of the division or some other person appointed shall assist the awarding committee as clerk and shall keep a record of the awards made. This record when completed shall be signed by the awarding committee and returned to the secretary.
2. The awards of entries shall be designated, as follows: First premium, blue; second, red; third, white; sweepstakes, purple.
3. When there is but one entry in a class, prize money and ribbons shall be awarded as merits of exhibits may warrant.
4. All interference by exhibitors to influence or dictate the decision of the judges shall be sufficient cause for excluding his or her entries from competition and should be reported to the secretary through the superintendent of the division.
5. No appeal from the decision of the awarding committee shall be allowed. The decision of the judges is final.
6. No awarding committee shall award any discretionary premiums whenever articles of superior merit are exhibited for which no premium has been offered. The awarding committee may enter the same as "commended" on the book of awards so that the secretary may report the same to the board for future action.
7. Premiums will not be awarded to articles or animals of inferior merit, although there may be no competition.
8. Where a sum of premium money is to be paid out pro-rata the apportionments shall be according to the merits of the individual exhibits.
9. Special premiums may be offered by interested persons for entries which conform to the general classification of the fair association.
10. All exhibits not called for within a reasonable amount of time after the fair, will be forfeited to the society.
11. Every animal or article on the ground shall, during the fair be subject to the control of the board of directors, and while every precaution shall be taken for the safekeeping of the same, the society will in no case be responsible for any loss of damage that may occur.
12. No person will be permitted to distribute advertising matter on the grounds except from their places of business or exhibit. The tacking or posting of any advertisements, bills, cards, etc., other than within the space occupied by exhibitors, is strictly prohibited. The distribution of handbills, flyers, heralds, etc., will not under any circumstances be permitted. Anyone violating this rule will be liable to a fine or expulsion from the grounds as the board may elect.
13. In the event that the total amount of the premiums exceeds the state appropriation, the board of directors reserves the option and right to pro-rate the payment of all premiums according to funds available.



Division A — Poultry and Rabbits

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All standard varieties will be accepted for entry and the Standard of Perfection will govern all awards. No prizes will be paid on cross breeds and hybrids.
2. Old and young stock will compete separately. No pen or trio entries will be accepted.
3. All purebred pet stock such as rabbits and pigeons will be accepted for entry and prizes will be paid.
4. All animals will be promptly fed and watered by the owners. All specimens will be entered at the risk of the owner. The superintendent may reject any exhibit deemed detrimental to the exhibition.
5. 4-H and FFA exhibitors may enter birds in these classes but must show separate birds than those shown in 4-H and FFA classes.
6. Effective January 1, 1963, all poultry, except water fowl and pigeons, must be negative to the rapid whole-blood plate test for pullorum and typhoid diseases applied within 90 days prior to the opening date of exhibition, provided that no test shall be required on poultry originating directly from parent stock tested and found negative within the preceding 12 months. An officially recognized form signed by an authorized agent must be presented to show compliance with this sec-