

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 before 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 20, 2009.
5. Superintendents will be at the grounds Wednesday, August 19, from 3 to 8 p.m., and Thursday, August 20, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to whom exhibits must be taken. No exhibits will be received after that time unless for display only. This time might be extended on account of bad weather by the board of directors.
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, poultry and all other entries will be released at 8:00 p.m. Sunday.
12. Premiums will not be paid on articles or animals removed from exhibition without the approval of the Board of Directors and Superintendent.
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.**

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.

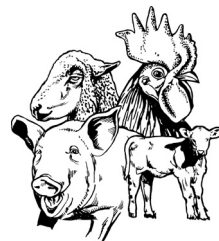
9. Special premiums may be offered by interested persons for entries which conform to the general classification of the fair association.

10. All exhibits not called for within two days 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.



LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT EXHIBITORS SHALL FURNISH THEIR OWN HAY AND STRAW

1. No exhibitor of livestock and poultry shall be allowed to make more than one entry in one class.
 2. Exhibitors of livestock may be required by the secretary to make affidavit that such livestock has not been exposed to contagious or infectious disease within the last three months. Please bring current health papers.
 3. Exhibitors must keep their stock, stalls or pens in good, neat condition and open for inspection from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
 4. Exhibitors of livestock must inform themselves when their stock will be judged. Stock must be in the show ring promptly after being called, and any exhibitor failing to comply with this order will be ruled out of competition.
 5. Sires, dams and groups entered as such must be owned by the individuals or firms exhibiting them, but the progeny of animals may be shown simply as proof of their breeding qualities without such ownership.
 6. Calves under two months of age at the time of exhibition will not be eligible for competition.
 7. All animals on exhibition shall be shown to the judges under the supervision of the respective superintendents.
 8. All exhibitors of bulls, one year or over, must lead such animals with a suitable staff attached to a nose ring.
 9. In all classes which call for registered stock, all animals over one year should be accompanied by certificates of registry showing that the animal is properly registered in the herdbook or flockbook, which is recognized as being authentic for the breed which the animal is supposed to represent.
 10. Pure bred animals under one year of age should not be required to show certificates or registry but the exhibitor of such animals should be required to give a certified statement that both sire and dam of such animals are properly registered pure bred.
 11. All livestock exhibited or brought in on the fairgrounds shall have health certificates showing that they have complied with the rules and regulations of the Minnesota State Livestock Sanitary Board as to Bangs and Tuberculin tests.
- Be assured that this board will not approve records of tests unless such records show that the test has been made according to the rules and regulations of this board.