

2008 Open Class Handbook

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Open Class General Rules

1. Exhibitors are requested to study the rules carefully as they will be rigidly enforced
2. Any exhibitor guilty of vandalism or other illegal activity during the fair will remove any entry and forfeit any eligible premium.
3. To be eligible for competition, exhibits must be entered during scheduled department entry times.
4. Any judging that is open is for observation only.
5. To obtain premiums every article in competition must correspond to the number and description in premium list. No entry or registration changes are permitted after judges books have been prepared, except and the judge's request. Fair Management is not responsible for finding errors in entries.
6. No animal or article will be assigned a place on the grounds until after entry is made.
7. Securely attach entry tags to stall, pen or receptacle.
8. No premiums will be paid on articles or animals removed without approval of Management.
9. No premiums will be awarded on articles not listed in premium book.
10. During Judging, exhibitors may not talk to a judge except when answering a question by the judge. Those who wish to explain in regard to their exhibit must do so through the superintendent or clerk. If an exhibitor interferes with a judge's decision the superintendent will report the incident to the Director.
11. To protest a judge's decision, the exhibitor shall submit a written statement accompanied by \$10 within 24 hours after judging. If the protest is sustained, money will be returned. If not, money is forfeited to Fair.
12. Judges shall not award any discretionary premium. When articles of merit are exhibited for which no premiums are offered, the judge may write, "commended" on the award.
13. Premiums will not be awarded to articles or animals of inferior merit, although there may be no competition.
14. The Fair Management reserves the right to limit entries to facilities available and may limit number of entries by one exhibitor. Washington County residents meeting entry deadlines will be given registration priority.
15. The Management reserves the right to return entries and cancel any class if there is inadequate competition.
16. Exhibitors violating rules shall forfeit premiums.
17. Special Awards may be offered for entries in established classifications.
18. All exhibit wrappers and containers must be cleared by exhibitors before opening each day.
19. Exhibitors participate at their own risk. Management will provide assistance toward recovery of any exhibit which is damaged, destroyed, stolen or lost but shall not be liable for any damages whatsoever. Exhibitors agree to hold harmless Washington County, the Washington County Fair, its officers, employees and agents both privately and in their official capacity from any and all damages.
20. Exhibitors must remove exhibits within designated release times.

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21. The Fair cannot be responsible for entries left after seven days after the close of the fair, except when arrangements have been made with the Superintendent to keep them longer. Perishable items will be disposed of if not picked up within 2 days.
22. No exhibitor may receive more than one cash award in any one lot, exceptions noted in department rules.
23. All offers of premiums, prizes, and awards must be presented for payment to bank or fair office as designated on check or premium warrant. NO checks or warrants will be mailed.
24. Judge's book ONLY will be used as evidence for payment of premiums. Ribbons and tags not accepted.
25. No entry will be accepted when exhibitor prescribes conditions under which he will exhibit.
26. All dissemination of products of literature, signature collections, solicitation of funds, canvassing, gift giving and sales shall be conducted only from within an assigned booth and with written permission from Fair Management.
27. No person who attends the Washington County Fair, auto races, rodeos, or other public events at the fairgrounds shall consume, or have in his or her possession, any controlled substances or alcoholic liquor unless the alcoholic liquor is obtained from a duly authorized concessionaire at the fairgrounds. "Alcoholic liquor" shall include any substance described in ORS 471.005. Controlled substances shall include any substance described in ORS 475.005. No alcohol or controlled substance shall be allowed in the camping or parking areas at anytime.
28. Dogs, except for Seeing Eye, hearing aid, and dogs in scheduled entertainment or shows such as 4-H classes, are prohibited.
29. Any person who violates these rules or any other rules adopted by the Fair Board may be excluded from the Washington County Fair Complex without refund of any admission charge that the person paid for attending a public event.
30. For the safety of the public, eating is not permitted in the barns.
31. At the discretion of the Washington County Fair, judging results limited to the exhibitor's name, hometown and premiums(s) awarded, may be listed on the Washington County Fair's website.
32. The first load of shavings will be provided, any additional bedding may be charged for.
32. As per the Hillsboro Fire Department, the following conditions shall be met in in the barn areas:
 1. No Sleeping in the barns.
 2. No heat producing appliances shall be allowed (Coffee Pots, Hot Plates, etc.)
 3. No Smoking Signs must be installed.
 4. Extinguishers shall be installed so that there is not more than 75 feet of travel distance to an extinguisher.
 5. Keep all electrical panels locked to restrict access.
 6. Stall decorations shall be treated to be fire retardant. Documentation is required.
 7. Straw shall not be stored inside of the barns. This includes Hay & Alfalfa.
 8. Shavings must be kept damp throughout the day.