

## **INFORMATION AND GENERAL RULES FOR EXHIBITORS AND PATRONS**

Exhibitors and patrons are sincerely requested to make constructive criticisms and offer helpful suggestions toward bettering any part or department of this, YOUR STATE FAIR.

Please report any discourtesies by gatemen, concessionaires, showmen, or others connected with the Fair. If, for any reason, there is a misunderstanding about admission at gates or elsewhere, please pay the admission price asked, take a receipt for same, and come directly to the Manager's office. Please do not block traffic and delay others by prolonged arguments with ticket-sellers, gatemen and ticket-takers who are working on strict orders from the management and are not allowed to vary from them.

Concessions and attractions are granted privileges on the grounds to supply the necessary wants, comforts, conveniences and pleasures of the patrons. The management will not accept or knowingly allow the continuance of any concession, show or other attractions of a questionable nature or a demoralizing tendency nor will any concession be permitted where the business is conducted in other than a legitimate and legal manner.

Drunkenness, quarreling, or the use of profane or obscene language will not be allowed on the grounds. No begging will be permitted.

No peddling, hawking, or selling of any kind will be allowed in the buildings or on the grounds except by special license obtained from the Manager.

All dining halls, lunch stands, refreshment booths, and other places dispensing food and beverage must be substantial in structure and neat in appearance. They must meet all health regulations and must sell only good, wholesome food and pure honest goods at reasonable prices which must be approved by the Fair management and displayed in a prominent place. No soft drinks may be sold in bottles.

Parties owning buildings upon the State Fair grounds must notify the manager thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the Fair as to whether they desire to occupy the same or not, and if so, make arrangements with the superintendent of the department for such occupancy. Failure to comply with the provisions of this rule will cause the forfeiture of the use of such building or buildings by the Fair management.

Any party or parties, firm or corporation owning buildings or material upon the State Fairgrounds, without lease, or whose lease has expired, who shall fail to remove same upon order of the Manager within the time specified, shall forfeit all claim thereto, which expense of claim must be paid before material is released to the owner.

The management of the State Fair reserves the right to amend, add to and interpret the foregoing and following Rules and Regulations, and to arbitrarily settle and determine all questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the Fair. In the event of conflict between the General Rules and the special rules which appear as headnotes of the various divisions and departments of the Fair, the latter will take precedence.

Disregard of any rule, misrepresentation on the part of the exhibitor, concessionaire or patrons will forfeit all premiums won, privileges granted, fees paid, and rights to further participation in the Fair.

## **ENTRIES**

**MAKE ALL ENTRIES EARLY!!!** The right is reserved to reject any entry and all entries received after all space is taken must be rejected.

You will find the **CLOSING DATES FOR ENTRIES** set out in the Rules and Regulations and the general headings of each of the various departments. These dates **VARY WITH THE SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE SPECIFIC DEPARTMENT**. Check these Closing Dates carefully.

SEPARATE ENTRY BLANKS are required for entries in each of the departments. Request the Entry Department supply you with an adequate number of entry blanks.

Competition is OPEN TO THE WORLD in the Flower and Garden Show, Folk Festival, Rabbits, Goats, Dairy Cattle, Beef Cattle, Swine and Sheep and the Horse Show.

In all other divisions and departments competition is LIMITED TO RESIDENTS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

All entries (with exceptions noted in the Livestock Division for group classes) must be made in the name of the owner, breeder, manufacturer, grower, producer, or one whose skill the exhibit represents. A firm, to be entitled to exhibit as such, must have been organized not less than 30 days prior to the closing date for entries, and such firm must have been organized as a bona fide firm for the purpose of producing, or buying and selling the articles or animals it proposes to exhibit in the name of such firm. A firm will be regarded as one exhibitor.

Official printed forms or copies of this form MUST BE USED in making applications for entry.

USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR ENTRIES IN EACH DEPARTMENT. *Be sure to fill out the application form completely, accurately and legibly. Give your rural route number, post office box number, or city street address and zip code +4, telephone number and social security number.*

Additional application forms are available upon request at: N.C. STATE FAIR, 1010 MAIL SERVICE CENTER, RALEIGH, N.C. 27699-1010 919 821-7400.

Incomplete entry forms will be returned for correction if there is time to do so, but REMEMBER: No article or animals will be entitled to exhibition space until proper entry has been made. No entry will be accepted after the closing date listed for each department.

Once an entry is made, it cannot be changed except where it is improperly classed or a mistake has been made in copying the original entry—in which event the changes can be made only with the permission of the Department Superintendent, or Director in charge, AND THEN ONLY IN THE OFFICE OF THE "ENTRY SUPERINTENDENT." If the records are altered and do not conform with the information on file in the Entry Department, payment of premiums will be withheld.

No person except personnel of the Entry Department will be allowed to see the entries, or have access to the entry books, until after the awards are made.

The same article or animal cannot be entered for more than one premium number (except as otherwise stated in the Special Department Rules and Regulations). Collections and displays must be made up of specimens, other than those entered in single (individual) classes unless otherwise noted.

Entry fees are not required in most departments - livestock, poultry, and rabbit exhibitors must include payment of stall, pen, and coop fees with their applications for entry - Dept. H, Arts and Photography has entry fees in the professional and amateur categories.

Entry forms should be mailed to: N.C. STATE FAIR, 1025 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh, N.C. 27607.

## EXHIBITS AND EXHIBITORS

The dates on which your exhibits must be in place at State Fair VARY FROM ONE DEPARTMENT TO ANOTHER. These dates are set out in the Department Headings and Rules and Regulations. Check these dates carefully so you can get your exhibits IN PLACE AT THE PROPER TIME TO BE JUDGED.

UNCLAIMED EXHIBITS FROM COMPETITIVE DEPARTMENTS, will be considered abandoned if not called for within one week after the official closing of the Fair, and may be disposed of as the Manager of the Fair sees fit. SEE SPECIAL RULES for the Culinary and Horticulture Departments.

Remember! All exhibits must be officially entered in the Fair on official printed forms provided for that purpose, before the closing date for entries in the department. No article or animal will be entitled to space or considered in the judging until proper entry has been made. Removal of exhibits before the date and time specified will be cause for forfeit of all premiums won, all fees paid, and the right to further participation in the Fair.

In all but livestock departments, entries and exhibits will remain in place through the entire fair. Release times are scheduled for the day following the fair due to the lack of parking available nearby for those to pick up entries or exhibits, and in an effort to keep vehicles off the grounds during crowded conditions. The regulation will also assure those attending the fair during the evening of the final day of seeing the same exhibits and entries as those attending earlier.

All exhibits will be numbered and recorded in the books of the proper department and class and exhibit tag with corresponding numbers will be issued. This tag must be securely attached to the exhibit and must remain on the exhibit throughout the Fair (except that exhibit tags issued for livestock and poultry may be conspicuously displayed upon the stall, pen or coop). ENTRY TAGS WILL NOT BE MAILED but will be available, at the Entry Department, Administration Building.

Once the exhibit is numbered and tagged, it should be delivered to the Department Superintendent or Director who will allocate space and either personally arrange the exhibit in a suitable and attractive display or direct such action by the exhibitor. The State Fair assumes no responsibility for the incorrect tagging of exhibits.

All exhibitors are urged to personally bring their exhibits to the Fair and enjoy the educational and recreational advantages of the annual exposition. However exhibits may be shipped or mailed to: N.C. STATE FAIR, 1025 BLUE RIDGE ROAD, RALEIGH, N.C. 27607, and they will be carefully handled, officially entered, tagged, and otherwise treated in the same manner as previously described. They will be given the same consideration with regard to display and judging as exhibits personally delivered.

All exhibits shipped or mailed MUST BE PREPAID. No transportation charges for express, postage, freight or drayage will be paid by the Fair. Shipments should be carefully labeled, accompanied by a bill of lading, and properly identified inside and outside the package as to the department, class and premium number under which they have been previously entered. They should be shipped or mailed at least a week or 10 days prior to the opening of the Fair. The management will not be responsible for delayed shipments which arrive at the Fair too late to be considered in the judging.

Division Directors and Department Superintendents will have full authority over allocation of space, and will have direct supervision of all exhibits which are considered on exhibition as a part of the Fair's attractions, subject to use as these Directors and Superintendents see fit to add to the educational values of the Fair. Livestock able to be led or driven, or which will follow, must participate in parades and group exhibitions as directed by the Department Superintendent.

All livestock must be cared for by the exhibitor except as noted in the Junior Dairy Cattle and Market Cattle shows. Stalls and pens will be furnished bedding before the Fair free of charge. Thereafter exhibitors will be required to furnish their own

bedding and keep all stalls and pens clean. Feed and straw will be sold on the grounds at prevailing prices.

When exhibit tags are issued by the Entry Department for each article entered, a stub will be given the exhibitor to serve as his claim check to recover and secure the release of his exhibit. Claim checks should be guarded carefully, since Department Superintendents and Directors are not allowed to release any exhibit without presentation of the exhibit tag stub. If the claim check is lost, such loss should be reported promptly and it will be necessary for the exhibitor to furnish the Superintendent of the Entry Department proof of ownership of the article on exhibit.

Exhibits entered in the premium classes which are not claimed within one week after the close of the Fair will be considered to have been abandoned by the exhibitor and will be disposed of as the Manager of the Fair sees fit. Other exhibits, materials therein, including concession booths, which are not claimed by the exhibitor or concessionaire within 30 days after the end of the Fair will be considered to have been abandoned and will become the property of the State Fair.

The Fair management reserves the right to reject any exhibit which does not reflect merit and which would not be a credit to both the exhibitor and the Fair. Also, the right is reserved to reject exhibits which are deemed objectionable or unsuitable for exhibition. All entries are accepted conditionally pending inspection of the article or animal to be exhibited. Any article or animal which proves to be misrepresented or falsely classed will be rejected and the right of the exhibitor to further participation in the Fair will be denied.

Division Directors, Department Superintendents, and/or Judges must report disqualification of entries to the Manager of the State Fair immediately after such action is taken. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL JUDGING BE CONSIDERED OFFICIAL AND PREMIUMS PAID IN A CLASS WHERE DISQUALIFICATION IS RECOMMENDED UNTIL APPROVAL OF THE DISQUALIFICATION(S) IS OBTAINED FROM THE FAIR MANAGER.

Promiscuous advertising is strictly prohibited. Exhibitors may advertise and distribute literature and free samples from their place of exhibit only, but may not sell any article or animal from their exhibit space without a permit from the manager. The distribution of advertising matter which conflicts in any manner with a concession sold by the Management is prohibited.

Commercial exhibitors and concessionaires are responsible for keeping the space in and around their exhibits, including unused space, aisles and roadways, clean and free of rubbish. An area of 10 feet around each exhibit booth and concession stand must be thoroughly cleaned by the exhibitor or concessionaire at the end of each Fair day. Failure to do so will be cause for cancellation of contract.

No exhibit space assigned may be shared or sublet without permission of the Fair manager.

### **JUDGING AND AWARDS**

Decision of the judges will be final, and no appeal will be considered except in cases of protest in writing, with strong evidence of fraud or violation of the rules of the Fair. Protests must be filed with the Division Superintendent not later than noon of the day following the award, and must be accompanied by a protest fee of \$5.00 which will be retained by the Fair if the protest is not sustained. The protest must be filed no later than 3 days following the award. The Division Superintendent will appoint a committee to consider the protest and all interested parties will be notified of the time of the hearing and will be given an opportunity to be heard. The rules of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions governing appeals will be those of the North Carolina Fair.

Judges will not award premiums to any article or animal because of its mere presence. It must be individual worthy. It is not the policy of the Fair to encourage indifferent production of any kind, or to distribute premiums equally among exhibitors. No premium will be awarded to any exhibit that does not possess high intrinsic merit.

Unless otherwise specified in the Department Rules and Regulations, NO EXHIBITOR MAY WIN MORE THAN TWO PREMIUMS IN ANY ONE INDIVIDUAL CLASS, AND NOT MORE THAN ONE PREMIUM IN ANY GROUP CLASS.

No exhibitor may accompany judges during their deliberations except such attendants as are necessary to handle and show livestock and other such exhibits. Any exhibitor attempting to interfere with the judges during their adjudications, or who publicly expresses disapproval of the decision of the judges, will be excluded from further competition and any premiums previously won will be forfeited.

Fraud or deception as to breeding, or in any other form, will be exposed and exhibitor guilty of such violation will be excluded from further participation in the Fair and all premiums previously won will be forfeited.

Premiums will be paid only on the basis of the records of the judging reports, which will be signed by the judge and by the Department Superintendent or Director. Ribbons will be securely attached to the articles upon which they were awarded, if possible, but the ribbons have no value in the payment of premiums since they may become detached and find their way on to the wrong exhibit.

Entries made in wrong classes may be reclassified by the Department Superintendent, BUT ONLY IF SUCH RECLASSIFICATION IS MADE IN THE OFFICE OF, AND WITH THE APPROVAL OF, THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ENTRY DEPARTMENT. Records must be changed when entries are reclassified. If the records are altered and the entry department files are not changed, premiums will be withheld.

Judges, when requested, may give the reasons for their decisions embracing the value and desirable qualities of the exhibits to which they have awarded premiums.

Judges will not award premiums or ribbons to any article or animal that does not qualify for one of the classes in the State Fair Premium List.

Premiums checks will be mailed to all exhibitors no later than 60 days after the fair. Errors in premium statements will be corrected until December 31, 2009 after which time the books of the 2008 Fair are closed.

The following colors of ribbons will be used to designate awards:

Champion .....	Royal Purple
Reserve Champion .....	Lavender
First Premium .....	Blue
Second Premium .....	Red
Third Premium .....	White
Fourth Premium .....	Pink
Fifth Premium .....	Yellow
Sixth Premium .....	Dark Green
Seventh Premium .....	Light Green
Eighth Premium .....	Tan
Ninth Premium .....	Gray
Tenth Premium, and above .....	Light Blue

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PARKING IS FREE ON N.C. STATE FAIRGROUNDS PROPERTY,  
EXCEPT FOR RECREATIONAL VEHICLES THAT PARK  
BETWEEN THE HOURS OF MIDNIGHT AND 8:00 A.M.