

RULES & REGULATIONS

Annual Membership

- The annual membership fee is \$7.00. Each exhibitor must purchase a membership ticket from the Secretary before making entries, except those entering the Elementary School Class.
- A membership ticket is good for one admission only on Saturday.
- **Attention to Horse, Cattle & Sheep Exhibitors: please be advised that all vehicles with handlers entering the fair grounds MUST stop at the gates and present a membership card. If you do not have a membership card the cost is \$7.00 each person in the vehicle. All exhibitors will be allowed one handler, all others must pay. Please contact your committee member or the fair secretary to get a single membership card. Thank you for your honesty & support in this matter**

Exhibitor Registration

- All competitors must have their articles registered with the Secretary, and articles exhibited inside the hall must be in and placed **before 12 noon on Friday, August 30, 2019. The exhibit hall will be open Thursday August 29th, 7-9 p.m. & Friday August 30th 9-noon.** Any exhibitor who places entries without registering with the Secretary first will have their prize money forfeited.
- All prize cards which have been affixed by the judges must be displayed. Any violation of this rule will forfeit their prizes.
- **Inside exhibits must not be removed before 4:30 pm, on fair day.**

Animals/Produce/Articles

- All produce must have been grown by the exhibitor during the current year unless otherwise stated. Potatoes must be exhibited in boxes or baskets.
- Cows must have borne young during the current year. Cows must be giving milk at time of exhibition or give evidence of being well gone in calf.
- Each animal must be provided with a chain, rope, leash or cage and be placed on the show grounds with those of its class, and exhibitors of pure bred stock must produce the certification of registration for animals one year or over. Proof of vaccinations must be carried with exhibitor.
- No animal or article is entitled to more than 1 prize except in special cases.
- No person shall be permitted in the horse or cattle rings at the time of judging except judges, groom, or any other person in charge of the animals.
- All manufacturers to be the property of the maker or their agent. Articles shown under the head of Homecraft Department, work must have been made by the exhibitors or their families. Exhibitors in all cases are to be the producer and bonafide owner.
- Upon the discovery of any fraud or any deception either in the production or ownership concerning any article exhibited, the Directors will have the power to withhold the prize awarded and prohibit any such party from exhibiting in any class for two years, and may publish the name of such persons if deemed expedient.

Interference with Judges

- Any person who shall attempt to interfere with, or influence the judges while discharging their duties, or who shall at any time on the premises of the Society use abusive language to any judge in consequence of any award made by him/her shall forfeit the right to any prize to which he/she might otherwise be entitled. Judges are requested to immediately report a breach of this rule.

Payment of Prizes

- The judges have power to withhold any prize offered when the animal or article is deemed by them unworthy of a prize.
- The Society will not be responsible for the payment of special prizes.
- The Directors do not hold themselves responsible for the full amount of the prizes offered in this list, but will, if the funds be not sufficient, pay the largest percentage the funds will allow.
- The size of the exhibit mentioned in the Prize List must be complied with or no prize will be given.
- Unless otherwise specified, prize money will be paid by cheque or cash where indicated and sent/given to the exhibitor by November 1st. **ALL CHEQUES SHOULD BE CASHED BEFORE DECEMBER 31, OF THE CURRENT YEAR.**
- **All exhibitors winning prize money in the amount of \$10.00 or more, \$7.00 will be retained for membership the following year. After the \$7.00 has been retained for the next years membership and the remaining monies is less than \$7.00, this money will not be paid out in a cheque but will be forwarded and included in next years prize money.**
- A surcharge of 10% will be charged on winnings of \$10.00 and over except Elementary School class, 4-H, and classes where an entry fee is charged per entry.
- Gifts may be substituted for monetary prizes.

- The Society regrets any errors or omissions in the prize book, but cannot accept any responsibility or offer any compensation.

Lost/Stolen Items

- While the Directors will take every precaution under the circumstances to secure the safety of all articles sent to the exhibition, the owner himself must bear the risk of exhibiting his goods and should any article be accidentally injured, lost or stolen, the Directors will give all assistance in their power toward recovery, but will not be responsible for the value thereof.

Exhibitor Complaints

- Any exhibitor lodging a protest must do so in writing and must deliver it to the Secretary within a week of the cause of protest. It must be accompanied by a deposit of \$7.00, which sum shall be forfeited to the Society if the said protest is not sustained.

Powers of Directors and Appointed Constables

- Any Justice of the Peace having jurisdiction in any city, town village or township wherein a fair or exhibition is held, shall, on the request of the president or executive committee of any society, appoint as many constables as may be required.
- Such constables shall be paid by the society and it shall be their duty to protect the property of the society within the grounds, and to eject all persons who may be improperly within the ground, or behave in a disorderly manner, or violate any of the rules or regulations of such society.
- Any person who willfully hinders or obstructs the officers or servants of any society or any constable appointed under this section in the execution of their duties or who gains admission to the grounds contrary to the rules of the society shall be liable to a penalty of not less than \$1.00 and not more than \$20.00, to be paid to such society for its use and benefit, R.S.O. 1060 Chapter 11, Sec. 3

GENERAL RULES FOR ALL HORSE SHOWS*

(For CLASS 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5)

*Please check each individual Horse Show Class for any Special Notes that would be applicable to that Class.

1. **Order of showing will vary from order of Sections. Please see Order of Showing Lists for Individual Horse Shows.**
2. At their discretion, the Horse Show Committee has the right to change/cancel individual classes or limit the number of entries per section on show date. The Judge and/or Horse Show Committee members have the final decision in any matter pertaining to the show.
3. One entry per exhibitor in all sections.
4. No cross entries between Classes unless otherwise stated.
5. Anyone wishing to withdraw their entry from a section must do so at least 2 section in advance. Section entry fees (if applicable) must be paid prior to entering any section.
6. Each entry must have a paid fair membership number and must be registered with the Show Secretary prior to showing in each section.
7. **Please have 3-part entry form (attached in fair book) filled out prior to registering with Fair Secretary on Fair day.**
8. Brood mares must be accompanied by their foal.
9. For Class 3, 4 & 5 only, in lieu of individual section entry fees, 10% of prize money won in excess of \$10.00 will be retained by the Society.
10. **Exhibitor/owner must bring a copy of proof of insurance attached to registration sheet**

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