

RULES & REGULATIONS

Entries will be made up to the date on the applications or later at the discretion of the superintendents.

All rules and regulations published in this book are made a part of the conditions under which all entries are accepted or exhibit spaces of concession licenses are granted. The Madison County Fair management reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incidental to the Fair. The management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules and regulations as in its judgment may be deemed advisable. Any person who violates any of the following general rules and regulations or any special rule or rules shall forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the management may order.

ENTRIES MUST BE MADE BY DATE ON THE ENTRY FORM OF CATEGORY YOU ARE ENTERING.

Make checks payable to: The Madison County Fair

Mail entries to: Terry Tanney, Entry Clerk
Madison County Fair
PO Box 114
Brookfield, NY 13314

Mail Cattle, Sheep & Goat entries to: Terry Tanney, Entry Clerk
Madison County Fair
9470 Keith Road
West Edmeston, NY 13485

Entries may be made by mail or email (call for email address) . Exhibitors are required to acquaint themselves with the premium book and regulations, to make certain which sections and departments their entries belong in, as well as period of exhibit. Exhibitors must make entries upon Madison County Fair entry forms.

1. Entries are generally confined to Madison and five neighboring counties, namely: Chenango, Cortland, Herkimer, Oneida, and Otsego. Some departments are not restricted – exceptions noted in various departments.
2. Entries close at 5:00 pm, two weeks prior to opening day. (May be charged late entry fee.) Except motor vehicle events, all entries must be received by this date.
3. The tags for the various exhibits will be available at the Entry Clerk's Office at the Fairgrounds.
4. Entry fees for motor vehicle events, fine arts and livestock, are detailed in the appropriate sections of this premium book.
5. No entry fee is required for any Junior Department, or for any department not listed in rule 4.
6. All exhibits must be entered in the name of a bona fide owner, such ownership to have existed at least 30 days or before the time of the showing, unless exhibited by the original producer or fabricator of the article exhibited and proof of ownership must be presented by the exhibitor on request of the Fair Society.
7. An entry tag must be attached to each exhibit. This tag will be furnished by the Fair office when entries are made. All entry tags and ribbons must be displayed during the exhibition. No consideration will be given by the judges to any article to which the entry tag is not attached. The judges will not award a premium to any animal or article which has not been properly entered.
8. Competition is defined as a contest for supremacy between two or more products, or articles or animals. Exhibitors having no competition in a class or section will be awarded but one premium (the first or second premium as the judges think deserved) unless otherwise noted under Special Department Rules and all premiums shall be awarded subject to the action of the Board of Directors.

EXHIBITS & EXHIBITORS

1. All exhibits must be in place by 5:00 pm the night before opening day unless otherwise stated.
2. See individual department for specific information on the time of departure for animals and exhibits.
3. Exhibitors are requested to examine their entry cards at the time of making the entries so that if any mistakes have been made, they can be corrected. No person can make any change or withdraw any article entered for competition or exhibition after having once entered it. **There will be no refund of entry fees.**
4. Stalls or pens for cattle will be provided without charge, for exhibition stock one day prior to opening until the close of the fair. No feed of any description will be furnished to cattle or poultry during the fair.
5. Any exhibitor who shall make, or cause to be made, any false statement regarding any animal or articles exhibited or who shall attempt to interfere with the judges on performance of their duties by letter, circular or otherwise, or who shall solicit other exhibitors not to exhibit against him, shall forfeit all claims to premiums so made.
6. Every possible protection and courtesy will be extended exhibitors at the Madison County Fair, but the Management shall not be responsible for any loss of exhibits, animals, or equipment in case of fire, cyclone, theft or loss from any other causes; and the Association will not assume any liability for personal injury sustained either by exhibitors, helpers, visitors or guests. The Management will use diligence to ensure the safety of articles entered for exhibition after their arrival and placement, but under no circumstances will it be responsible for any loss, injury, or damage done to or occasioned by, arising from, any article on exhibition, and the exhibitor shall indemnify the Fair and Management thereof, against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto.
7. No immoral or lewd exhibition. This rule will be rigidly enforced by the Madison County Sheriff and New York State Police.
8. Premium checks will be mailed to exhibitors. In paying premiums, no evidence of awards may be removed until final day of the Fair at 4:00 pm. Except for an Emergency, any exhibitor who insists on removing his/her exhibit before the stated time will automatically forfeit his premium money, except as otherwise noted for junior exhibitors in livestock departments.
9. All protests must be in writing, must state plainly the complaint and must be delivered to the Entry Clerk within six hours after the cause of protest, with a deposit of \$5.00.
10. Exhibitors will not be allowed to sell goods without permission, nor will they be allowed to call attention to their wares in a noisy or disorderly manner.
11. Exhibitors wishing to erect separate buildings or additional work in buildings or elsewhere should make their requests to the Secretary. In all cases, the exhibitors must bear the expense. Any structure erected and not removed within ten (10) days after the closing of the Fair, shall become property of the Madison County Fair.
12. Sale or distribution of any merchandise, including printed or written material, except under license issued by the Madison County fair and/or from a duly licensed location shall be prohibited.
13. Entry Clerk is NOT RESPONSIBLE for putting entry tags on entries. Exhibitors will be given tag and the means to put the tag on.

JUDGES

1. Judges have been selected with the sole purpose of making careful, unbiased, and intelligent decisions.
2. No judge shall be interested, either personally or as an agent or employee, in any animal or article which he is to judge.
3. Judges will report to the Entry Clerk's Office to receive their instructions and register. Superintendents of the department will meet the judge at this time.
4. Judging for each department will be as noted in the premium book under rules for each department.
5. Judges will in no case award a prize where there is no merit, regardless of competition.
6. In case there is no competition in a class, the judge will award a premium, if in their judgment the article or animal deserves the same.
7. Judges on animals are expressly charged to examine the ownership, age, breed, character, and condition of the animals, and make proper allowances for feed and other contingent circumstances.
8. Judges must exclude from competition any person, who in any way, whether in person or by his agents or servants, interferes with them during their adjudication or shows any disrespect for them, or violates any rule or regulation of the Society.
9. Judges shall observe all the rules governing the exhibits and in the absence of a regulation or in doubt as to the application of a rule, may call upon the Superintendent of the Department for written instructions on the point involved which shall be attached to the award rendered under the decision and with it returned to the secretary.
10. Judges must not award prizes to any exhibit to which the entry tag is not attached.
11. Judges shall in no case change the order of classes printed in the premium list and on the judge's sheets.
12. Any classes not provided for in the premium list shall not be added or awarded a prize.
13. The Society cannot be held responsible for failure of judges to report premium awards.
14. The awards made by the judges must be entered in the judge's book and signed by them and attested by the Superintendent.

SUPERINTENDENTS

NO SUPERINTENDENTS SHALL BE PAID UNTIL DUTIES FULFILLED

1. The Superintendent will direct the arrangement of all articles or animals on exhibition in his department. He shall give such instructions to awarding judges or committees as will result in judicious action and decide all questions that may be presented in accordance with the regulations governing the department, and shall allow no one except judges in the show ring when exhibits are judged.
2. Each Superintendent/Judge is charged with caring for and returning the entry book of his department with the awards of each article duly and properly entered therein and each book signed by himself and the judge who made the award, as premium cannot be paid unless this is done.
3. The Superintendent must check the exhibits competing for premiums in each class and see that the entry book will show what articles were exhibited in each class as well as which were awarded premiums.
4. Superintendents shall see that automobiles admitted to the grounds are confined to the parking places assigned; those exhibitors keep space allotted to them in neat and clean condition and that stalls containing livestock and the approaches and walks adjacent to are kept as required by regulations.
5. The Superintendents are responsible for overseeing their department and are required to be available to answer questions and contribute to the attractive appearance of the Fair
6. Superintendents will not release livestock except as in accordance with rules published in premium book.

CONCESSIONS

Mail to: Concessions
Madison County Fair
PO Box 114
Brookfield, NY 13314

1. The Management reserves the right of cancellation at any time for reasons satisfactory to it of all contracts made with all concessionaires.
2. Each concessionaire must confine himself to the space assigned to him. Failure to do so will subject him to forfeiture of his privilege without recourse.
3. Concessionaires must abide by the laws of the State, County and Town including, but not limited to, supplying Vendor Sales Tax identification to the Fair prior to occupying any space on the grounds. Madison County Fair rules require concessionaires to follow the Madison County regulations relating to recycling and waste disposal. A copy of these regulations will be made available to all concessionaires upon request. Anyone found violating any law of regulation will be closed, forfeiting their concession money, and ordered off the grounds. All drinking and eating concessions must furnish themselves with proper and sanitary equipment that will comply with rules and regulations of the Health Department. This rule will be strictly enforced.
4. All concessionaires shall keep posted in plain view, at the front entrance to, also conspicuously displayed inside place of business, a sign showing concession number and the price to be charged for meals, lunches, or other article of food offered for sale, or services performed.
5. The Management authorized the letting of only such privileges or concessions as are required to supply the necessary wants of the people or that may add to their comfort, convenience or pleasure, but under no circumstance will a privilege of a questionable nature or of a demoralizing tendency be let in or in any manner tolerated upon the grounds, or in the buildings, nor will any privilege be permitted where the business is conducted in other than a legitimate and trade like manner.
6. The Fair Management will use every precaution to guard against extortion in any form practiced upon the patrons of the fair. A violation of this rule by the concessionaire will cause the forfeiture of contract, money paid, or expulsion from the grounds as the Management may direct.