

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Board of Directors will make every effort to extend the accommodations and to make the exhibition attractive to the public and beneficial to the industrial interests of the Darke County area. They solicit the cooperation of all in making this exhibition worthy of a county which ranks among the top agricultural counties in the State of Ohio.
2. The Committee on Reception will have its headquarters at the Secretary's Office, where members of the Awarding Committee and Visitors from other counties are requested to report and register their names.
3. A strong and efficient police force will be on the grounds day and night to preserve order.
4. The Board will take every precaution for the safety of stock and articles on exhibition after arrival, and arrangement upon the grounds, but will not be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur. Exhibitors are requested to give their attention to articles, and, at the close of the Fair, to attend promptly to their removal. Machines and vehicles will be parked, but the Board will not be responsible for any loss, theft or damage. The Board will not be liable for any damage by accident or injury that may unfortunately occur to any person or for loss of any property.
5. Any person who wishes to make an entry may send a list to the Department Secretary and will find Entry Cards ready to be attached to such entry when he/she arrives with his/her entry. (Be sure to write the name of the article to be entered plainly and state under which class the entry.) Not necessary in Fine Arts or Domestic Arts Departments.
6. **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:** State Law prohibits the use or possession of alcoholic beverages upon the grounds during a fair. Failure to comply is grounds for being prosecuted, forfeiture of entry fees and premiums and removal from the grounds immediately. In addition, the Superintendent of this department shall have the authority to also enforce any other penalty that he/she feels necessary, which may include suspension from a future fair or fairs as he/she so decides.
7. No person shall be permitted to make solicitations of any nature on the fairgrounds except in contracted concession or commercial rented spaces. Also, no person will be permitted to post or display signs, distribute handbills or advertising material or sell or distribute free, any merchandise, except persons under contract.
8. **General Complaints:** All complaints or protest in the Horse & Pony Department, other than the shows, or any other department, shall be made in writing, signed, and filed first and directly with the Department Superintendent, who shall render a decision which will be final.

### TICKETS

9. Single admission tickets (\$5.00), admitting one (1) person 12 years of age or over, are for sale at all outside gates during the Fair. For those wishing to purchase a Single Membership or Non-Voting Ticket, he/she may purchase a Voucher for \$15.00 which may be redeemed for said ticket at the Secretary's Office under the Grandstand.
10. "SINGLE MEMBERSHIP TICKET" shall be \$15.00, and all children under 12 years of age are included (parking if available). Membership ticket is NOT good for admission at Grandstand.

The Single Membership Tickets must bear the name and city of residence in Darke County of the purchaser, and are not transferable from one person or family to another person or family and are non-refundable. The Secretary shall purchase the above tickets and they shall be opened by the Executive Committee and counted out to the Secretary; he shall account for the same at the rates above named. Single Membership Ticket will permit the person to whom issued, if a legal resident of Darke County, Ohio, and legal voting age, one (1) vote at the Election for Directors. He/She may enter animals or articles for exhibition with this ticket.

11. A "SINGLE NON-VOTING" Ticket is \$15.00 for residents outside Darke County and boys and girls 12 through 17 years of age. This ticket is an Admission Ticket; the number on same may be used as an entry number in the various departments, but the purchaser is not a

member of the Society, and the holder of the Single Non-Voting Ticket will not be permitted to vote at the Annual Election. All 4-H and FFA Exhibitors must purchase a Non-Voting Ticket to enter all Open Class Shows. Children under 12 years of age may enter animals or articles on his/her parent's ticket number.

### EXHIBITORS

12. Exhibitors will be careful to have their animals and articles arranged in their appropriate classes and in season, or they will be overlooked by the Awarding Committee.
13. Cards will be furnished with their number as registered at the Department Office. Exhibitors will be careful to place these cards on or near the animal or articles so that the Judges may have no difficulty in finding them.
14. Persons exhibiting several articles will, when making entries, furnish the Department Secretary with a written list of the same, having the name and address of the exhibitor attached thereto except Fine Arts Department.
15. No free straw to be furnished.
16. Competitors for premiums are requested to examine carefully the requirements of each class. Failing to comply forfeits the premium.
17. No stall shall be assigned to any exhibitor until the stall rent is paid in full to the **Person in Charge**. If any exhibitor or his assistants admits persons to the grounds, through stalls or any other way, the Board of Directors shall expel such persons so offending from competing for a premium or exhibiting on the grounds.
18. All animals or articles competing for premiums must be entered in some class as published in the premium list. Sweepstake entries confined to first money winners in class show.
19. Entries will be taken at the Coliseum on the Fairgrounds for Agricultural Departments, Cattle, Sheep, Dogs, Goats, Rabbits, Swine, Pony, and Poultry Departments Saturday, July 14, 2007, at 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All time given is Ohio Statutory Time.
20. In the DOMESTIC ARTS DEPARTMENTS, entries will be accepted Wednesday, August 15, 2007, from 12 Noon to 8:00 p.m. and Thursday, August 16, 2007, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Judging begins at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, August 16, 2007.
21. FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT entries will be accepted Wednesday, August 15, from 12 noon to 8:00 p.m. and Thursday, August 16, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
22. All stock must be on the grounds by 9 p.m. Friday, August 17, 2007. Stock exhibited must occupy and pay stall rent before permitted to show.
23. No room will be granted for Livestock or Race Horses during Fair week except for actual race/show entries.
24. Animals entered as Purebreds will not be permitted to compete in any other class except as Sweepstakes.
25. Horses entered in the Speed Ring will not be allowed to compete in class show, except colts starting in colt races and confined to Darke County shall be permitted to show in class show, in which event owners will be required to pay stall rent as in other class shows.
26. Any other person making an entry in any class in the name of any person except the bona fide owner, forfeits all premiums taken at this Fair and all entrance fees paid.
27. Any person making more than one entry of the same animal in any other class except in Herds, Groups, Sweepstakes and Matched Horses, and Brood Mares and Colts. Forfeits all premiums taken at this Fair and entrance money.
28. Stock to compete for premiums must be entered in the owner's name.
29. All animals or articles entered for premiums will be judged by one judge or Awarding Committee of three, to be selected by the Board or Superintendent of the Department in which the award is made.
30. ANY PERSON FOUND GUILTY OF UTILIZING ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES IN LIVESTOCK AT ANY TIME, OR FAILING TO FOLLOW THE CODE OF ETHICS WILL BE BANNED FROM SHOWING LIVESTOCK AT THE GREAT DARKE COUNTY FAIR FOR A MINIMUM OF 10 YEARS. THE RIGHT TO AN ANNUAL REVIEW SHALL BE PROVIDED AFTER THE TEN YEAR PERIOD. ANY IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER (FATHER, MOTHER, CHILDREN) FROM

EXHIBITING LIVESTOCK AT THE GREAT DARKE COUNTY FAIR FOR THREE YEARS BEFORE THE RIGHT TO AN ANNUAL REVIEW.

31. Any person found guilty of a felony offense resulting from animal tampering or cheating in connection with the showing of an animal in the state of Ohio shall be barred from showing at the Darke County Fair for life. The Agricultural Society state that if an exhibitor who is banned from exhibiting at any other Ohio Fair or any State Fair will be banned from participating at the Darke County Fair.
32. All stock and articles without competition will be awarded first money only, if in the judgment of the committee, said stock or articles are worthy.
33. The standard of authority in all cases of pedigree of stock shall be the English or American Herd Book of respective breeds.
34. Premiums will not be awarded if the animal or articles is not worthy, although there be no competition.
35. Agriculture and Domestic Arts Departments entries must be owned by the exhibitor in order to be entitled to a premium.
36. No awarding committee shall award any discretionary premiums. Where articles of superior merit, for which no premiums have been offered, are exhibited, the awarding committee shall enter same on the book of awards, that the Secretary may report the same to the Board of Directors for further action. No member has the right to change the printed regulation without the consent of a majority of the Board of Directors.
37. 4-H and FFA members, Exhibitors, and Concessionaires are not permitted to stay overnight at the Fair without approval of the Extension Office and the parents.

### VENDORS/CONCESSIONS

38. Requests for inside or outside vendor/concession space should be submitted to the Fair Secretary/Manager and include, Business/Persons name, a point of contact, address, phone number and size display/sales area needed electrical requirements. A photo of display or concession stand should be included, if available, and if space is granted photo shall become part of our contract records and equipment shall be displayed as shown, in same condition as in photo. We reserve the right to assign spaces from our waiting list to maintain a wide variety of different foods, concessions, vendors, businesses, etc. If a space is not assigned, a new request is to be resubmitted after September of each year.
39. Vendors/Concessions must make contract with the Fair Secretary/Manager upon assignment of vendor/concession site. Absolutely no subleasing of contract is permitted nor are they transferable. If said business is sold after contract is made for following year(s) annual Fair, the contract becomes null and void and new owner must make application with the Fair Secretary/Manager for new vendor/concession site.
40. All equipment shall be well maintained, recently painted, clean, in excellent repair, and washed down when set up, if needed or directed by the Board.
41. Vendor/Concessions Campers and Bunk Trailers are prohibited from vendor/concession display/sale areas except those previously approved by the Fair Secretary/Manager and will be assigned a site by the Southend Camp Office.
42. Vendor/Concession employee and private vehicle parking will be only in designated areas by Gate #6 with parking sticker required.
43. Any business, concession, vendor, group, or individual found dumping raw waste (sewage) on the grounds will be required to leave the grounds immediately and forfeit any privilege or camping fees paid to the society. This includes dumping of grease either on the grounds, in grey water, or sewer drains. Grease barrels are provided by the Fairboard and more than one can be made available upon request at the Secretary's Office.
44. All excess equipment, storage trailers, campers, and any other type of living quarters shall be permitted only in the areas as designated and provided by the Fairboard and/or Fair Secretary/Manager and shall be responsible for any fee involved.
45. Trucks, trailers, wagons, etc. shall be subject to designated areas provided and same conditions shall apply as outlined in numbers 41 and 42.
46. The maker of a contract with the Society shall be responsible to see that he/she and all

employees have either a Single Membership Ticket or a Single Non-Voting Ticket, whichever is applicable, so admission and identification is not a problem in coming onto the grounds during the week of the Fair. Otherwise the regular Daily Admission must be paid. The Sheriff's Department closes the gates each night and only holders of Membership or Non-Vote tickets will be admitted to the grounds.

47. No dogs or any other animals permitted anywhere on the grounds except those which are entered in Livestock Divisions and these animals must be quartered in those designated areas. **There will be absolutely no exceptions** unless approved by the Board.
48. Bicycles, mopeds, and motorcycles are not permitted and shall not be permitted anywhere on the grounds unless considered an exception and approved by the Board.
49. Golf Cars, Mules, and/or Gators will be permitted for those vendors/concessions under Fair contract only. **Operators of the vehicles must have a valid drivers license.** A permit must be purchased from the Fair Secretary/Manager (\$25.00). Vehicle Insurance must be provided with General/Equipment Floater with General liability in the amount of \$300,000 or more per vehicle. These vehicles must also be off the Midways by 10:00 a.m. unless being utilized to obtain necessities to operate stands, i.e., ice change, etc. Those abusing privilege will have their permit revoked for the remainder of the Fair.
50. No power driven equipment such as trucks, golf carts, etc. shall be used by vendors/concessionaires or exhibitors during the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. This is necessary due to the large number of Fairgoers to eliminate possible personal injury.
51. All delivery vehicles are to be in, deliveries made, and off the grounds before 10:00 a.m. daily and none will be permitted on the midways thereafter.
52. State and local, fire, health, ride, game and safety rules designated for fairs shall be considered part of these regulations.

### INSTRUCTIONS TO JUDGES

53. The judge or judges on animals will have regard to the symmetry, early maturity, size, and general characteristics of the breed which they judge. They will make allowance for age, feeding and other circumstances as to character and condition of animals.
54. Committees will report the animals entitled to premiums only. Committees shall ballot for first award without previous consultation, but should a member of the committee discover any blemish or defect in an animal presented for examination, he may call the attention of the other members of the committee to such fact.
55. If there is not a majority agreeing on the first ballot, then the members will compare views as to the relative merit of the animals without expressing individual preference, and a second ballot will be taken.
56. If, after balloting, the committee is satisfied that no agreement on award of premiums can be had, the member in charge will add another person to the committee, and his vote shall be confined to the animals only that have received ballots from the original committee.
57. Any exhibitor or employee of the same abusing or not treating with respect, the Awarding Committee, Judge or Superintendent of Department during the awarding of premiums or after the awards have been made, will forfeit to the Society all premiums taken at this Fair, with entrance money and stall rent, and be barred from showing at future Fairs at the discretion of the Board.
58. The Judges are required to make their report at the Secretary's Office as soon as finished.
59. The Directors, when bad weather, or should receipts be grossly inadequate or insufficient to pay the expenses and premiums in full, will then pro rate the payment of premiums, but the amount of premiums will in no case be less than 50 percent of the amount offered.

### STOCK PARADE - Ponies and Cattle

60. All ponies and cattle competing for premiums shall be required to participate in a parade around the race track at 10:00 o'clock on Thursday of the Fair. Anyone refusing or neglecting to make such a parade without having an excuse from the Superintendent of the Department, forfeits the premiums taken by such stock. Each procession will be escorted by all the bands on Thursday. All floats are welcome.

### PROTESTS

61. Protests against the awards in any department of the Fair must be made in writing, sworn to, clearly setting forth the grounds for protest, and must be filed with the Secretary within twenty-four hours after the award is made. All protests will be considered by the Board at its first meeting succeeding the Fair unless otherwise ordered. Parties interested will be duly notified and an opportunity given them to submit evidence. Premiums on protested articles or animals will be held until the protest is decided. Parties making protests in Classes A, B, C, and D will be required to deposit with their protests with the Secretary \$30, in other classes \$20, to cover costs in case their protest is not sustained; in case the protest is sustained the money deposited by the party making protest will be returned to them.

### RULES GOVERNING DEPARTMENTS

Gates open at 7:00 a.m. All gate-keepers must be at gate - 1st shift 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; 2nd shift 2:00 p.m.

62. The special rules governing each department, together with announcements, are under each department of the premium list and are hereby made a part of these rules and regulations.
63. The educational department will be governed by the rules set forth at the head of that list.
64. We are members of the United States Trotting Association and the races will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of that association unless otherwise stated.
65. "Our Fair will operate under the provisions of Ohio's Livestock Show Reform Act and under all applicable Ohio Department of Agriculture Administrative Code Rules. This law and the amended rules may be viewed and/or secured at the Secretary's Office beginning July 16th."

**By order of the Fairboard**

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