

**New York State Association
of Agricultural Fairs, Inc.**

State Wide Pass

An official New York State Pass will be available for \$100.

This pass admits ticket holder and one companion, plus parking when available to any New York County Fair and the New York State Fair. 500 passes are available for sale on a "first come, first serve" basis. No more will be sold after these are gone.

Proceeds from sale of passes will be used to continue the State Association commitment to promote New York agriculture.

Send the form below for an "Official Pass" AFTER March 1 to:

NYS Association of Agricultural Fairs, Inc.
Norma W. Hamilton, Executive Secretary
RD#2, Box 4C
Schaghticoke, New York 12154

REQUESTS RECEIVED BEFORE MARCH 1, WILL BE RETURNED FOR RE-SUBMISSION.
A stamped self-addressed envelope MUST accompany your request.

Enclosed please find \$ _____ and a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

COUNTY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Make check payable to NYS Association of Agricultural Fairs.

Rules and Regulations 4-H and Open Classes

Animal Health Requirement – Please refer to the Animal Health section on the web.

The following rules and regulations are made a part of the conditions under which all entries are accepted, and exhibit space or concession licenses are granted.

The Ontario County Fair Society 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 incident to the Fair. The Society reserves the right to reject any entry.

The society reserves the right to amend or add to these rules and regulations as in its judgment may be deemed advisable. The society is not responsible for any errors or omissions in the production of this book.

Any person who violates any of the following 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.

Lost articles should be promptly reported and turned in to the Secretary's Office.
Lost children should be reported and immediately taken to the Secretary's Office.

The Management encourages the reporting of mistreatment or extortion by the concessionaires and any discourtesy or irregularity of its employees. Violation of local, state or federal laws should be reported promptly to the Police.

Address ALL communications to:
Ontario County Fair Society
PO Box 324
Canandaigua, NY 14424

Weekly parking passes are available for exhibitors and family.

Rule 1. Time for Making Entries. Entries may be made by mail or personally at any time after this list is received. Exhibitors are required to make themselves acquainted with the premium book and regulations so as to make certain in which sections and departments exhibitors must use separate blanks for entries in each Department. Additional blanks will be furnished upon application. All livestock entries to be in by July 1. Double entry fee after and taken is space available.

Rule 2. Place for Making Entries. Entries may be made by mail or in person at the Fair Office. Checks should be made payable to the ONTARIO COUNTY FAIR SOCIETY.

Rule 3. Entries to be made in owner's name.

Rule 4. Examination of Entry Cards. Exhibitors are requested to examine their entry cards at the time of making the entries so that if mistakes have been made they may be corrected. No person can make any changes or withdraw any article entered for competition or exhibition after having once entered it. **This rule will be rigidly enforced in all departments.** There will be no refund of entry fee.

Rule 5. Display of Entry Tags and Ribbons. 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.

Rule 6. Entries Limited to Capacity. All entries will be limited to the capacity of our present buildings and will be recorded in the order received. The Society reserves the right to reject all entries after the capacity has been reached. No animal or article will be entitled to a place on the grounds until a proper entry thereof shall have been made, excepting in case of an emergency of the particular department concerned.

Rule 7. Competition Defined. Competition is defined as a contest for supremacy between two or more products, articles or animals owned by separate exhibitors. **Exhibitors having no competition in a class will be awarded a premium at the judge's discretion.**

Rule 8. Ages of Animals. The ages of all animals must be given and satisfactorily verified, if required. Ages of all animals shall be computed from January first to July first, to determine in what class the animals shall be entered.

Rule 9. Display of Exhibits and Animals. Exhibitors must show their exhibits whenever and in such manner as required by the executive officers in charge of the Department. All animals will be shown in the ring and exhibitors must be ready to bring them out when called, either for judgment or parade. Failure to do so entails forfeiture of all prizes.

Rule 10. Placing Exhibits. All exhibits must

be placed according to department deadlines.

Rule 11. Removal of Exhibits. All animal exhibits must be intact until 7:30pm Saturday, unless specifies in department rules. All other exhibits must be intact until 7:30pm Saturday and released at 8:00pm. **Digression from this rule will incur forfeiture of any premium awarded an exhibitor.** All exhibits not called for by 10:00pm Saturday of fair are left at the owner's risk and unless otherwise arranged for shall be forfeited to the Fair who may dispose of them as they see fit.

****After 7:30pm Saturday, some fair exhibits will not be on display in their full entirety.**

Rule 12. Exhibitors Responsible for Entries. The Society will not be responsible for the omission of any article or animal not entered in accordance with its rules.

Rule 13. Revision of Premium List. In revising the premium list for subsequent fairs, the Directors will take cognizance of the entries in the several classes and will revise the premiums offered in proportion to the entries shown by exhibitors, making the premiums larger where exhibitors recognize the efforts of the Ontario County Fair Society to give a high-class exhibit as shown by the number and quality of entries made.

Rule 14. Stalls and Forage for Animals. Stalls or pens for animals will be provided without charge for exhibition. No feed or bedding of any description will be furnished to any Department. Included with showing comes the responsibility for keeping pens and alleys clean while exhibiting and the responsibility for leaving all pens and alleys clean after being released. Check with Superintendent on release cleaning requirements. Exhibitors will receive only one warning from the show supervisor or appointed assistant concerning the appearance

of their pens and "alleys". If the problem persists, any problem exhibitors will lose the right to show their animals and their premiums will be withheld. Each department may assess a stall cleaning fee to be paid with entry fees.

Rule 15. On-Grounds Parking. Loading and unloading permitted only. Vehicles must be moved to parking lot within 30 minutes. Any exception to this rule will be aired by the Fair Board's Executive Committee, who may issue an on-grounds parking permit.

Rule 16. Entry fees must accompany entries.

Rule 17. Liability. Every possible precaution and courtesy will be extended exhibitors at the Ontario County Fair, but the Society will not be responsible for loss or damage of exhibits, animals or equipment in case of fire, theft or from Exhibitors, Helpers, Visitors, or Guests. The Society will use diligence to insure the safety of articles entered for exhibition, after their arrival and placement but under no circumstances done to, or occasioned by or 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.

Rule 18. Payment of Premiums. Premium checks will be distributed at the discretion of the Ontario County Fair Society to the winners of the various awards as shown on the Judge's records. The Society reserves the right to wait until NYS premium monies are received to issue checks, and in the event the premium monies are deleted or decreased from the NYS budget the Society reserves the right to adjust accordingly.

In paying premiums, no evidence of award shall be recognized except the judge's books and not from ribbons that may be attached to

exhibits, as ribbons frequently become changed.

All checks issued for premiums must be presented for payment within 90 days or the premium will be forfeited. No replacement checks will be issued.

ATTENTION EXHIBITORS: In the event premium monies are deleted or decreased from New York State budget, premiums will be adjusted accordingly.

Rule 19. Protests. All protests must be in writing, must state plainly the complaint and must be delivered to the Secretary within six hours after the cause of protest.

Rule 20. Judges. As far as possible, the single judge system will rule and great care will be taken to select only those who are qualified.

Dept supt. or entry clerk will receive the "books" from the secretary and ensure the judges awards are documented and returned to the Secretary once complete. Judging will take place as noted in department rules.

No person or persons will be allowed to interfere with the judges in the discharge of their duties. Persons wishing to explain in regard to their exhibits can do so through the Superintendent of the Department.

In case an animal or article has not been entered, the judge may not award a premium or have it entered after entries close. No consideration should be given by the judge to an article to which the entry tag is not attached.

When the judges have reason to doubt the pedigree of any animal or bird, or the representation of any article, they must report

at once to the Superintendent of that Department, who will gather such evidence as he can at the Secretary's Office or by other methods.

At the time of judging, the judge or clerk assisting him shall cross out on the judge's record, the exhibit number of all entries listed on such record that are not on exhibition.

No entry clerk shall under any circumstances allow the entry books of the Society to go from his possession or to be inspected by anyone, except clerks and officers employed by the Society. Any exhibitor or person acting for an exhibitor, found looking through the entry books of the exhibit, will forfeit all premiums or money won.

Where exhibits have been erroneously entered, the judges may have the same corrected by an entry clerk in the Secretary's Office before they judge that class but not after. No addition or changes in the judge's records shall be made by any person except an Entry Clerk.

The staff are requested to use great care in attaching ribbons upon all articles awarded premiums and be especially careful that these ribbons and entries in the judge's record agree so that there may be no possible chance for errors and consequent dissatisfaction.

The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases, except where mistakes, frauds or misrepresentation are shown. In such cases the directors, or such referee as the directors may select shall decide.

Rule 21. Permits and Privileges. The Management reserves the right of cancellation at any time for reasons satisfactory to it, of all contracts made with concessionaires.

Each concessionaire must confine himself to the space assigned him. Failure to do so will subject him to the forfeiture of his privileges, without recourse.

Concessionaires must abide by the laws of the State, County and City. Anyone found violating these laws, will be closed, forfeiting their concession money and ordered from 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.

All concessionaires shall keep posted in plain view, at the front or 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 articles of food offered for sale, or services performed.

The Society authorizes the letting of only such privileges or concessions as are equipped to supply the necessary wants of the people or that may add to their comfort, convenience or pleasure, but under no circumstances will a privilege of a questionable nature or of a demoralizing tendency be let or in any manner tolerated upon the grounds, or in the buildings, or will any privilege be permitted where the business is conducted in other than legitimate and trade-like manner.

The Society 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 concessionaires will cause the forfeiture of contract, money paid, or expulsion from the grounds as the management may direct.

Rule 22. Advertising Restrictions. Under no circumstances will any person or firm be allowed to place any advertising matter upon buildings, grounds, trees or any place on the grounds, nor will they be permitted to distribute advertising matter outside the place assigned to them.

Rule 23. Sale of Goods by Exhibitors. Exhibitors will not be allowed to sell any goods without permission (though they may receive book orders) nor will they be allowed to call attention to their wares in a noisy or disorderly manner.

Rule 24. Soliciting Prohibited. The circulation of subscription lists or soliciting in any manner for whatsoever purpose, will not be permitted in any building or on the fairgrounds other than in regularly authorized concessions and in these excepted instances only upon the written authorization of the officers in charge.

Soliciting subscriptions for any newspaper or periodical will be permitted only upon the written request of publisher or manager to the Secretary of the Ontario County Fair.

Solicitors will not be permitted to give premiums with subscriptions.

Rules 25. Radio, etc. All sound-producing exhibits must be of such nature as not to cause annoyances or inconvenience to visitors or other exhibitors. Permission for such use of same must be first obtained from the Secretary.

Rule 26. Exhibitors Erecting Separate Buildings. Exhibitors wishing to erect separate buildings or additional work in buildings or elsewhere should make their request to the Secretary. In all cases, the exhibitor must bear the expense. Any

structure erected and not removed within ten (10) days after the close of the fair shall become the property of the Ontario County Fair Society.

Rule 27. Electric Lights and Power. Charges for electricity and wiring shall be made to exhibitors and concessionaires in keeping with the schedule on file in the office of the Secretary of the Fair which will be furnished upon request. Only electric and gas stoves will be allowed in buildings. Any and all campers or trailers used for living quarters will be charged a fee, See camping registration. May be an additional fee for air conditioner.- subject to power availability. Fees subject to change without notice.

Camping must abide by DOH rules. Proper extension cords and back flow preventers on water hookup.

Rule 28. Delivery Trucks. The Fair Association reserves the right to exclude any and all delivery vehicles, if in their judgment their methods are detrimental to the best interests of the Fair.

Rule 29. Parking. Automobiles and all other vehicles must be parked in a space designated by the Society and not elsewhere. The Society shall not be liable under any circumstances whether of negligence of itself, its agents or otherwise for any injury to his or her person or for any loss or injury to his or her property.

Rule 30. Undesirable. Beggars, touts or any person found practicing objectionable professions will be immediately escorted from the Fair Grounds.

Rule 31. Guests. Officers of other Agricultural Societies are cordially invited to attend the Ontario County Fair and are respectfully requested to present themselves to the Secretary's Office.

Rule 32. Dates of Fair. The Ontario County Fair will be held at Canandaigua, NY unless postponed or canceled as a result of war, Acts of God, Government regulations or any other reason. Eastern Daylight Savings Time will be observed.

Rule 33. Minors. Any minor staying overnight anytime during the Ontario County Fair MUST have written parental permission, 4H leader permission and presented to the barn superintendent for their approval. The permission slip must then be turned into the Fair Secretary. There must be an adult chaperon who will be responsible for the minor who is staying overnight at the fairgrounds.

Rule 34. Pets. No animals except those involved in exhibition, dog obedience or seeing eye will be allowed on the grounds.

Rule 35. Time Procedures. Exhibitors at the fair should be well aware of arrival and dismissal time procedures. This is true for livestock since adequate time should be allowed for "check in" by state veterinarians. These procedures are incorporated within the premium book. Each person that visits the fair is entitled to view all exhibits. A strong showing by exhibitors creates interest and builds a "better fair". Since the Department of Agriculture and Markets is responsible for the reimbursement of certain premiums, the fair has a responsibility to regulate exhibits receiving these premiums. Any exhibit arriving late or removed early without fair approval, will not be eligible to receive premium money.

Rule 36. Section 288 Agriculture and Markets Law defines "games of chance" and prohibits said games (including raffles) on the fair grounds during fair week.

State of New York Department of Agriculture and Markets

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 18 and 287 of the Agriculture and Markets Law of the State of New York, and after a public hearing held at Albany, New York, on December 14, 1972, I, Frank Walkey, hereby amend Parts 350 and 351 of Title 1 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York, relating respectively to Standards for Conduct of Fairs and Livestock Health Requirements to read as follows:

Part 350
Standards for Conduct of Fairs

Sections

- 350.1 Entry fees maximums
- 350.2 No fee for 4-H, FFA, junior fair or school department exhibits
- 350.3 Prompt, full payment of premiums
- 350.4 No premium for unworthy exhibit
- 350.5 Premium amount to attract well balanced exhibits
- 350.6 No exhibits by judges in departments they oversee
- 350.7 Exhibits to be plainly labeled
- 350.8 Re-exhibition in domestic department
- 350.9 Ownership of exhibits entered in fairs and shows
- 350.10 Rejection of refusal of an exhibit
- 350.11 Compliance with and enforcement of livestock health requirements

Section 350.1 Entry fees maximum. Entry fees shall not exceed ten (10) percent of first premium. However, a flat charge of two dollars (\$2.00) per entry may be made in the cattle department in lieu of the ten (10) percent of first premium. Any deviation from this standard must receive the approval of the commissioner.

Section 350.2 No fee for 4-H, FFA, junior fair or school department exhibits. No entry fee shall be charged for 4-H club, FFA and Junior Fair exhibits entered for competition in their own classes, or for entries in the school department.

Section 350.3 Prompt, full payment of premiums. All premiums advertised and awarded must be paid promptly and in full, without deduction in the guise of donations or otherwise notwithstanding and statement to the contrary or in modification thereof announced or stated in the premium book.

Section 350.4 No premium for unworthy exhibit. No premium should be awarded by any judged or paid by any society for an unworthy exhibit.

Section 350.5 Premium amount to attract well-balanced exhibits. The amount of premium offered in the various departments should be such as to secure well-balanced exhibits, in the light of the types of agriculture carried on in the territory served by the fair.

Section 350.6 No exhibits by judges in departments they oversee. No judges shall be permitted to enter exhibits in competition for premiums in the department with which they are connected.

Section 350.7 Exhibits are to be plainly labeled. All exhibits must be plainly labeled so that the full significance of the exhibits will be made clear.

Section 350.8 Re-exhibition in domestic department. No article shall be permitted to be exhibited in the domestic department if it has been previously exhibited therein, unless by official action of the board of directors of any fair society, an exception is made to this requirement.

Section 350.9 Ownership of exhibits in fairs and shows.

- a. All exhibits shall be entered in the name of the exhibit owner; provided, however, that any animal exhibit entered in a youth fair, youth exhibition, or 4-H show or exhibition may be entered in the name of the exhibitor.
- b. Exhibits shall have been owned by the exhibitor for a period of at least 30 days prior to entry of the exhibit; provided, however, that any animal exhibit entered in a youth fair, youth exhibition or 4-H show or exhibition shall have been in the care of the exhibitor for a period of least 60 days prior to entry of the exhibit.
- c. Proof of ownership of any exhibit shall be provided by the exhibitor, upon request, to the fair sponsor.
- d. The fair society may limit the number of breeds shown by any exhibitor.

Section 350.10 Rejection or refusal of an exhibit. Any fair society shall reserve the right to reject or refuse and to order the removal of any exhibit which, in the opinion of its board of directors, is not eligible or worthy of showing or has not met the livestock health requirements.

Section 350.11 Compliance with and enforcement of livestock health requirements. Each fair or exposition which receives money from the state pursuant to Article 24 of the Agriculture and Markets Law shall comply with and enforce the livestock requirement set forth in Part 351 hereof.

Show Ring Code of Ethics for Showing Dairy Cattle

1. Misrepresenting the age of the animal for the class in which is shown.
2. Balancing the udder by any abnormal means including the use of a mechanical contrivance, or the injection of fluid or drugs.
3. Setting the tests and/or occluding (sealing the ends) with a mechanical contrivance or with the use of a chemical preparation.
4. Treating or massaging the udder or its attachments with an irritant or counter-irritant. The use of common products as fly spray, ointment or liniment in excess to the extent that it is irritating is included as an irritant unless required to reduce edema at time of calving.
5. Treating or massaging any part of the body internally or externally with an irritant, counter-irritant, or other substance to temporarily straighten a weak back or loin or to produce unnatural animation.
6. Minimizing the effects of crampiness by feeding or injecting drugs, depressants or applying packs or using any artificial contrivance or therapeutic treatment excepting normal exercise.
7. Blocking the nerves to the foot to prevent limping by injecting drugs.
8. By striking the animal to cause swelling in a depressed area.
9. Surgery of any kind performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body, hide or hair. Not included is the removal of teats, horns, clipping of hair and trimming of hooves.
10. Insertion of foreign material under the skin.
11. Changing the color of hair at any point, spot or area on the animal's body including the blackening of a gray spot.
12. The use of alcoholic beverages in the feed or administered as a drench.
13. Administration of a drug of any kind or description internally or externally prior to entering the show ring, except for treating a recognized disease or injury and for tranquilizing bulls two years old and over. For the purpose of these rules, the term "drug" shall mean - any substance, the sale, possession or use of which is controlled by license under federal, state, or local laws or regulations and any substance commonly used by the medical or veterinary professions which affect the circulatory, respiratory or central nervous system of a cow.
14. Criticizing or interfering with the judge or other exhibitors while in the ring.