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# GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS



## GENERAL INFORMATION:

The following general rules and regulations apply to the Open Class Departments. Additional rules specific to the individual departments are found in the respective entry sections. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to be familiar with these rules and regulations.

## INTERPRETATION OF RULES:

The Douglas County Fair reserves the right to interpret and amend the Open Class General Rules & Regulations and resolve differences relating to them as necessary.

## COMPLIANCE:

The exhibitor agrees to comply with all rules and regulations governing the Douglas County Fair upon entering exhibits in the Fair.

This includes compliance with the current Open Class General Rules & Regulations and additional rules specific to the individual Open Class Departments. Exhibitors must also agree to cooperate with all Douglas County Fair officials and personnel in all matters of policy. Exhibitors serve an important part of the Fair in celebrating and showcasing Douglas County's excellence. Our primary audience consists of family and youth.

## LIABILITY:

**Management Liability:** The Douglas County Fair management is not responsible for personal injury and assumes no liability for loss or damage by theft or disasters (human or natural) to any property of the exhibitor while on the fair grounds.

**Exhibitor Liability:** The exhibitor is solely responsible for any consequential injury or loss resulting from an article exhibited by the exhibitor and must assume responsibility relating to all legal or other proceedings regarding the exhibit or any damage or injury to any other person or property caused by the exhibitor or exhibits at the Fair.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

All entries must be submitted either through the online website or using an official Douglas County Fair Entry Form. Entry forms may be obtained from the County Fair website, [www.douglascountyfair.org](http://www.douglascountyfair.org), or the County Fair office. Any fee or money due must accompany the submission. No item can be entered unless there is a suitable class in the appropriate Fair entry book. The opportunity to exhibit at the Douglas County Fair is open to all persons without regard to race, creed, color, sex, age or other non-merit factors. Discrimination is prohibited. Participants must not be older than 22 years of age.

## COVID-19 SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:

- Capacity is limited, please register early to guarantee your spot!
- Face coverings are needed when six-foot social distancing is not possible.
- Must maintain six feet social distancing in prep areas, wash racks, in the staging area, and in the show ring.
- Trailers must be parked six feet apart.
- Show management reserves the right to limit number of entries to prevent overcrowding and maintain social distancing.

## ENTRY DEADLINE:

All Open Class livestock entries must be postmarked by July 1, 2020 or submitted online by 12:00am July 9, 2020.

## JUDGES/JUDGING:

A judge is not permitted to be an exhibitor in a class they are judging. Any person who interferes with the judging process will be asked to leave the judging area. Further action will be at the discretion of the Superintendent and Fair Management.

An exhibit entered in the incorrect class may be transferred to the appropriate class at the discretion of the Department Superintendent and Fair Management prior to the start of judging. However, if the correct class for the entry has already been judged the class will not be reopened and the exhibit will not be judged.

## AWARDS:

The judge may, but is not required to, award all the ribbons offered in a class. It is the intention of Fair Management that no premium or distinction of any kind be given to any exhibit deemed unworthy by the judge. Payment of Douglas County Fair premiums will be mailed to exhibitors after July 24, 2020. The Douglas County Fair will not be held liable for any award or premium offered by a private or business donor separate from the Douglas County Fair should that donor fail to provide the offered award or premium.

## DISPUTES AND PROTESTS:

The Douglas County Fair Management reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these Rules & Regulations and to arbitrarily settle disputes and questions of differences. Any protest based on the statement that the judge(s) was incompetent will not be considered. If a protest on any other grounds is not resolved with the Department Superintendent, the Exhibitor may present a protest in written form to the Fair Management within 24 hours of ribbons being displayed.

## RELEASE TIME:

All livestock are released as soon as they are finished showing. Exhibitors are encouraged to remove trailers and animals as they are finished showing to allow more space for social distancing.

## RETURNED CHECKS:

There will be a \$40 service charge for any non-sufficient fund check. If the exhibitor does not make payment of the check and service charge within five (5) days, the exhibitor will not receive any premium for entries.

## SOLICITATION:

Exhibitors in the Open Class Departments are not allowed to solicit Fair Guests.

## LOTTERIES:

No lottery or raffle shall be conducted at the Douglas County Fair without the written authority of Douglas County Fair Management.



**SMOKING:**

Smoking is prohibited in all buildings and on fairgrounds.

**ALCOHOL ABUSE:**

The State of Nebraska Rules of Alcohol Use and Abuse are enforced on any property where the Douglas County Fair has a presence.

**FIRE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**

By order of the State Fire Marshal, the use of flammable and combustible materials inside any buildings is strictly prohibited.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

The Douglas County Fair reserves the right to cancel events or change scheduling if deemed necessary.