



GENERAL RULES & GUIDELINES

1. All halls, amusements and exhibitions will open and close of daylight savings time. Halls will remain open from 10am to 7pm.
2. An entrance fee of 10% of the first premium will be charged for all entries in each department so designated with the exception of such departments where a special entrance fee has been established or where it specifically states that no entrance fee is required.
3. Persons intending to exhibit are required to list each entry by giving Department, Section and Class Number of each entry. **Entries will be received only on blanks furnished by the entry clerk preceding the fair.**
4. All articles to insure an eligible place and the attention of the Judge must be in the enclosure and submitted to the Superintendent one day preceding the fair, except for livestock. **Entries will be released Sunday July 6, 2025 5pm8pm and Monday July 7, 2025 10am12pm.**
5. The Superintendents in charge of the several departments will give aid to the several sets of judges as they may require.
6. No article shall compete for more than one premium, except for animals shown in a herd class.
7. All animals and articles presented for competition must be the property of the exhibitors for at least 30 days prior to entry. Property of a firm may be considered the property of any member thereof.
8. The entry of any animal entered as a purebred, must be accompanied by certificate of registry.
9. Any person who shall violate the regulations of the Society, or shall seek to obtain premium by false pretense, or by improper interference with a judge, shall be excluded from competition.
10. The entry clerk will promptly after the exhibition, prepare a statement in the form of an order for each exhibitor listing all premiums and purse awards. The premiums and purses shown by statement to have been awarded will be paid to the exhibitor or purse holder, before September 1st, but unless said statement is presented before November 1st, the premiums and purses will be considered forfeited to the society and will not be paid. Any person making an entry and exhibiting any article or stock or participating in programs of skill or speed does so subject to these General Regulations.
11. In all cases where Judges are not satisfied that the rules of the Society have been complied with as to the regularity of the entry, they will suspend decision and apply to the Secretary.
12. The Executive Committee shall fill vacancies in the committee of Judges by the appointment of suitable persons to act as such judges.
13. **In case the receipts of the Society shall be insufficient in any year to defray the expenses of this Society and to pay in full the purses and premiums won and awarded that year, then and in that event, the net receipts remaining after the payment of all expenses of the Society, in full shall be apportioned and divided prorated among such exhibitors as have been awarded prizes that year, each of such exhibitors receiving of said net receipts such and among or percentage of the same as the total of his/her award bear to the whole amount of said net receipts and said percentage shall be received by such exhibitors in full satisfaction, of the total amounts of his or her awards. It shall be in the discretion of the officers of the Society to enforce this regulation or not as a majority of the said officers may deem advisable.**
14. **The Premium ribbons or cards have no value as to payment of premiums, as premiums are paid only from the records of Judge's books.**
15. No person shall have the right to be allowed to be on the race track during the time when said track is required for the races, or within any enclosure or ring bonded by post or ropes, either prepared for the exhibition of



- horses or cattle or for any other purpose upon the grounds during exhibition, except the Superintendent of the Judges.
16. A police force will be kept on the grounds night and day, during exhibition. The Society will endeavor to provide precautions for the safety of the patrons while in attendance upon the exhibition and for the safe keeping of all articles or goods of exhibitors. **But the Society assumes no responsibility in case of loss or damage to either person or property, and every person entering the grounds during the exhibition does so subject the General Regulations and all entries of goods and articles for premiums are made and received subject to the General Regulations.**
 17. All protest must be made in writing accompanied by a fee of \$5.00, signed by the person aggrieved, or by his authorized agent and must state plainly the cause of complaint. Such protest must be delivered to the secretary within two hours of the alleged cause of protest. The burden of proofs shall rest upon the party protesting to sustain the protest, and said party shall be allowed ten days from the time of filing the protest and the person or persons making such protest shall pay all expenses caused the Society by making such protest.
 18. No Judges may enter in competition, for premiums, in the departments in which they are judging.
 19. The Board of Managers reserve the right to construct bleachers and make the appropriate charge of seats thereon and permit or make charges for concessions, special attractions and admission of supply trucks or conveyances.
 20. There will be no first place tie.
 21. **Notice: Sale or Distribution of any merchandise, including printed or written material, except under license issued by the Agricultural Society of Oswego County and/or from a duly licensed location shall be prohibited. Note: The above rule was adopted at the 1983 convention of the N.Y.S. Association of the Agricultural fair after a resolution to that effect was submitted by the Almont Fair.**
 22. Under no circumstances will any person or firm be allowed to distribute or sell written materials or solicit funds from other patrons of the Fair, without regard to the content of the information being distributed or sold in regardless of the purpose of the solicitation of funds unless one or more of these activities take place from a booth or concession stand rented for one or more of these purposes.
 23. The rental of a booth or other concession stand shall be on a "first come, first serve basis". Nothing hereon contain shall be constructed to deny a person the right to express their views within or without the Fairground.

COMMERCIAL EXHIBITORS AND CONCESSIONARIES

All buildings containing livestock will be disinfected under the supervision of the Department of Agriculture

24. Concessionaires of every nature shall make application with the Fair Office or Superintendent of Concessions, and will be required to sign a written contract and make a monetary deposit. Before being allowed to transact any business on the Fairgrounds he must furnish the Society with a Liability Certificate of Insurance and hold proof of Workman's Compensation, if required, also vendors must be registered with the NYS Sales Tax Dept., furnish the Fair Office with his/her Registration Number, display their "Original Certificate of Authority" at his or her booth during the entire length of Fair.
25. The Management reserves the right to cancel at any time, for reasons satisfactory to it, all contracts made with concessionaires or others.
26. Only such privileges are granted for concessions and attractions as are required to supply the wants of the people or that may add to their comfort, convenience and pleasure, but the Management will not accept or knowingly allow the continuance of any concession, show or attraction of a questionable nature, nor will any privilege be allow permitted where the business is conducted in other than a legitimate and tradelike manor.
27. Concessionaires must abide by the laws of the State, County, Town and rules of the Fair Board Manages (the condition under which concession was granted). Anyone found violating these laws will be closed, will forfeit his concession money paid, and will be ordered from the Fair Grounds.

28. Concessionaires must confine himself to the space assigned him. No Concessionaire or Exhibitor will be permitted to sublet or share any portion of the space allotted to him. A violation of this rule will result in the original purchaser of the space forfeiting all his rights, ejection of himself, partners, employees and wares from the grounds.
29. All drinking and eating concessions must furnish themselves with proper sanitary equipment that will comply with the rules and regulations of the State Health Department. This rule will be strictly enforced. **All Garbage must be placed in plastic trash bags ready for the collector.**
30. Concessionaries must keep their spaces in a neat and sanitary condition removing from any filth or refuse, and placing the same in trash bags.
31. Food and drinks must be wholesome and sold at reasonable prices. All concessionaires shall keep a **PRINTED or PAINTED SIGN** posted in plain view in the front or entrance of place of business showing prices to be charged for meals, lunches or other articles of food and drinks offered for sale or for services to be rendered. This is to be approved by the lesser.
32. All soundproducing equipment must be of such nature as not to cause annoyances or inconvenience to visitors or other exhibitors. Permission for use of same must be first obtained from the Concession Superintendent.
33. Any Concessionaire or Exhibitor doing business with firms or persons who are not properly authorized by the Management will be subject to cancellation of their contract to operate.
- 34. DELIVERIES AND SOLICITORS,** Delivery of merchandise, articles of food, soft drinks, or service or the solicitation of businesses and orders from the concessionaires, exhibitors and others on the fair grounds are prohibited until such delivery men, solicitors, or firms they represent have made arrangements for such delivery and solicitations by obtaining privileges for the same from the Concession Superintendent.
- 35. Except in the case of emergency, no vehicles will be admitted to the midway after 10 a.m. and only then, by permission by Concession Superintendent.**
36. Delivery men and solicitors **will not be** permitted to retail, sell or give away any food, soft drinks, goods, wares, or merchandise, except to bona fide concessionaries who occupy regularly leased concession space on the Fairgrounds. Any violation of this rule will be sufficient cause to exclude any person, firm or others from the grounds.
37. Deliverymen and Solicitors **will not be** permitted to leave their automobiles, trucks or conveyances in such a position as to cause congestion.
38. The Management assumes no responsibility in case of damage, loss or injury to person or property caused by reason of neglect or willful acts of any person, firm, or their agents, representatives, servants or employees, or from any cause whatsoever, having license to exhibit on said fairgrounds, or occupying space thereon, and in case it be subjected to any expense or liability all persons causing some or liable for any debt incurred by a concessionaire or exhibitor for any salary or expense due to any of their employees. Neither shall it be concessionaire or exhibitor or for any salary or expense due of their employees. Neither shall it be responsible for the result of any accident or damage to any person or persons, to any animals or to property from any cause whatsoever.
- 39. No pets such as dogs, cats, ferrets, but not limited to working animals are allowed on the grounds.**
40. The Management reserves the right to exclude from the grounds any person or persons whom they deem undesirable, or expel from the grounds such person or persons who shall violate any part of these rules.

PART 350 STANDARDS FOR CONDUCT OF FAIRS

Section 350.1: Entry Fees Maximums. Entry fees shall not exceed ten (10) percent of first premiums, except in poultry departments, where the fees shall not exceed twentyfive (25) 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 4H, FFA, Junior Fair or School departments exhibits. No entry fee shall be charged for 4H clubs, FFA, Junior Fair exhibits entered for competition in their own classes, or for entries in the School Department.

Section 350.3: Prompt full payment of premium. All premiums advertised and awarded must be paid promptly and in full, without deduction in the guise of donations or otherwise, notwithstanding any 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 judge or paid by any Society for an unworthy exhibit.

Section 350.5: Premium amount to attract wellbalance exhibits. The amount of premium offered in the various departments should be such as to secure wellbalanced 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 department oversee. No judge may be permitted to enter exhibits in competition for premiums in the departments in which they are connected.

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

Section 350.8: Reexhibition in domestic department. No articles 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, exception is made to this requirement

Section 350.9: Exhibits in the name of a bona fide owner; ownership of horses entered in 4H shows or exhibitions, poultry, sheep swine limits:

- A. All exhibits must be entered in the name of the bona fide owner.
- B. Ownership of all exhibits must have existed for at least thirty (30) days previous to the time of showing.
- C. Proof of ownership of all exhibits must be presented by the exhibitor on request of the Fair Society.
- D. In case of horses entered in 4H horse shows or exhibitions the animal may be owned by exhibitor, or his immediate family.
- E. In such department as poultry, sheep and swine the number of breeds that an exhibitor of family shown may be limited to the number of breeds determined by official action at a meeting of the Board of Director of any Fair Society.

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 an enforcement of livestock health requirements. Each fair of exhibition which receives money from the state pursuant to article 24 of Agricultural and Markets Law shall comply with and enforce the livestock health requirement set forth in Par.351 hereof.