

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

ENTRY DEADLINE: JUNE 15TH

All entries must be postmarked by June 15 of the current fair year. Entries postmarked after June 15th will be returned to the exhibitor unopened.

ALL EXHIBITS MUST BE PRE-ENTERED.

Please check for correct Department, class & sections, no changes will be made after entry date of June 15th.

Youth is anyone between 2 and 18 years of age as of January 1st, of the current fair year. Youth may enter open and youth classes but must pay two (2) entry fees for each exhibit: youth fee plus open fee.

ALL LIVESTOCK will arrive Sunday July 12, 2009 between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

HEALTH PAPERS and VET-CLIENT RELATIONSHIP FORMS MUST ACCOMPANY ANIMALS AT CHECK-IN. All health papers must be less than 31 days old. All sheep and goats must have scrapie tags. All horses, cattle and sheep must have current rabies vaccinations with proof that they were administered by a licensed Veterinarian. Market animals are exempt from this vaccination.

ALL INSIDE ENTRIES excluding baked goods and floral will arrive Sunday July 12, 2009 between 1:00 PM and 6:00PM. **ALL BAKED GOODS AND FLORAL** will arrive Monday July 13, 2009 before 1:00PM.

ALL INSIDE ENTRIES WILL BE RELEASED SUNDAY JULY 19th 2009 after 9:30 A.M. AND ONLY TO EXHIBITORS WITH CLAIM CHECKS.

ANIMAL ENTRIES will be released **SATURDAY JULY 18, 2009, 11:00PM** but can remain until Sunday July 19th. Each livestock exhibitor is entitled to 1(ONE) **PARKING PASS**. Additional passes are available for \$20.00 at the office.

All exhibitors agree to be bound by the rules and regulations of the Derry Township Agricultural Fair, and must present a signed entry form to participate in the competitions.

1. The fair management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules and regulations whenever and wherever necessary
2. Reasonable care will be taken to protect all exhibits on display from all injury and damage but the fair is **NOT TO BE HELD RESPONSIBLE** in any way for any accident, loss or damage
3. All entries must be made according to the Dept./Class/Sec. as explained in the premium book. No changes will be made once entries are accepted.
4. Each Superintendent may establish a junior and senior division in any department.
5. Premiums, as listed, may be given for meritorious exhibits. In cases where there is no competition (only one entry), judges may give an award such as they deem the exhibit is worthy to receive. The same rule applies where there are fewer entries in any class than the number of premiums offered. The judges may, at their discretion, award a ribbon or rosette.
6. The fair reserves the right to determine how many entries they will accept from an exhibitor in the same class, or in the case of livestock the same breed, and poultry the same species. Livestock exhibitors are limited to a maximum of 20 animals per department per family or farm, except in the rabbit department.
7. The decision of the judges will be final in all cases, except where mistakes, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion (not discovered at the time of the award) is proven.

In such cases, the superintendent, manager or fair secretary or such referee as he/she may appoint may make the decision.

- 8. All protests regarding the judging must be made in writing and must plainly state the case of the complaint/appeal. Such protests must be filed at the fair office within 24 hours of the occurrence.**
- 9. All entries must have been grown, produced or made since the last Derry Township Ag Fair by the person whose name appears on the tag as exhibitor. Any exhibitor may be required to prove the ability to reproduce an entry in any department in the presence of a qualified person.**
- 10. All livestock entries must be the property of the exhibitor for at least 30(thirty) days prior to the fair.**
- 11. All market animals will be weighed-in on the same set of scales under the supervision of a qualified weight master at the discretion of the fair.**
- 12. It is permissible for each department to establish Supreme Champion classes.**
- 13. All Market hogs will have self-waterers.**
- 14. All Market exhibitors will have signage on pens including Thank You to last year's buyer.**
- 15. Superintendents reserve the right to bar from competition animals, vegetables, flowers, poultry, produce and manufactured articles of decidedly inferior quality and those not possessing sufficient merit to warrant recognition.**
- 16. Food products, baked goods and especially market animals, cannot be polluted with any substance that causes them to become poisonous and unfit to be used as food. Any incidents must be reported to the PA. Agricultural Fair Program for further review.**
- 17. No exhibit may be removed from the fairgrounds at any time before the close of the fair except by the consent of the fair association.**
- 18. There will be no private sales of animals on the fair grounds. They must be sold off of the property**
- 19. If animals look like they have been neglected, the superintendent has the right to notify the authorities.**
- 20. Where awarded ribbons are stolen or destroyed, the exhibitor may receive a duplicate at the close of the fair, which will be supplied at the expense of the fair.**
- 21. Judging is viewed as an educational process and the public is encouraged to view the livestock judging events. Judging of inside entries is open only at the consent of the judges and the superintendents.**
- 22. No exhibitor or his agent shall communicate with the judge during judging except to answer questions proposed by the judges. Any exhibitor interfering with the judges while making awards shall forfeit any premiums for which he or she would otherwise be entitled.**
- 23. Should any animal awarded a prize be disqualified the animals in the class may be elevated according to their judging order if the judge feels the animals are worthy of such prizes.**
- 24. Recognizing the fact that it is not possible to list every desirable and worthwhile class in each section of each department, and the fact that fashion and fad-particularly in the areas of needlecraft, artistic and fine art-may change, this fair**

shall add or delete classes in what they perceive to be in their own best interest. Such changes shall not in any way jeopardize the premium reimbursement set in each department.

25. **Over fitting of cattle and other livestock will be discriminated against. Any artificial means used to change the form or shape of an animal will disqualify it from competition.**
26. **When on exhibition in the ring, each animal must be under a halter and in charge of the owner or employee. The fair will have stand-by attendants available when youngsters are in the ring to assist if there is trouble with the animals. No one under the age of 2 is permitted in the ring.**
27. **Joint ownership is to be considered as one owner, in accordance with the registration papers.**
28. **The fair reserves the right to disallow exhibitors and/or their exhibits on the grounds that have caused problems in the past.**
29. **Any animal of unthrifty nature, unsuitable condition, or which cannot be satisfactorily handled under show conditions must be removed from the fairgrounds.**
30. **Exhibit animals must be confined to the exhibit area or show ring. No exhibit animals are permitted on the midway.**
31. **If earned premiums exceed total budget the Fair Association reserves the right to pro-rate the difference between the winners.**
32. **Premiums will be forfeited unless the correct address is given on entry forms. Incomplete entry forms without name, complete correct address and phone number will not be accepted.**
33. **All premium checks must be cashed within 60 days of issue. No checks will be reissued.**
34. **Entry fees must accompany each entry blank. No entry fee will be refunded unless application is withdrawn before the closing date of entries, June 15th, 2009.**
35. **Only exhibits listed in this premium book will be considered for judging, all other entries will be considered for exhibit only.**
36. **ABSOLUTELY NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOL is permitted on the fair grounds by anyone participating in or visiting the fair.**
37. **ABSOLUTELY NO OVERNIGHT STAYS UNLESS IN A CAMPER WITH OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS AND WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE EXHIBITION MANAGER.**
38. **ABSOLUTELY NO PETS ON THE FAIRGROUNDS**
39. **Any exhibitor not abiding by the above rules may be asked to remove their exhibits and forfeit any premiums.**
40. **Campers will be permitted on the fairgrounds under the following terms:**
 - A. **They must be pre-registered**
 - B. **Pay all required fees**
 - C. **Follow all the rules and guidelines as stated on the camping permit request form.**
 - D. **All camper spaces will be assigned; no one is to park without permission from the Superintendent.**
 - E. **All spots will be marked off and identified**

41. **No one will be permitted to stay overnight on the Fairgrounds unless in a camper or tent and have filled out the proper Camping Request form and received approval.**
42. **Any check returned NSF, for entries etc., will be charged a minimum of \$20 return check fee. Failure to reimburse the fair forfeits premiums and proceeds from market sale will be used to satisfy debt. Any unused funds will be returned to the exhibitor. The exhibitor will be required to send a Money Order with entries for a minimum of 2 years.**

LIABILITY

All persons who enter upon the fairgrounds and use the facilities on said fairgrounds for any purpose do so at their own risk.

ENTRY FEES Entry fees for livestock except Market-----\$1.25 per animal
Market Animals-----\$1.50 per animal
Rabbits, cavies, poultry-----\$1.00 per animal
Archery-----\$1.00 per exhibitor
All entries to Departments 12-21: 1 - 10 entries \$1.25, 11-20 entries 2.50 21-30 entries 3.75 and so on
All other entries will be stated at the beginning of the department.

GOOD HOUSEKEEPING:

ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS WILL BE JUDGED ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- CLEANLINESS OF ANIMALS 15PTS.
- CLEANLINESS OF BEDDING 15PTS
- ENTRY CARD & RIBBONS WON PROPERLY DISPLAYED 20PTS
- KEEPING HAY AND FEED PRESENTABLE 10PTS
- KEEPING ALL EQUIPMENT SANITARY AND NEAT 10PTS
- KEEPING AISLES CLEAN 15PTS
- COURTESY TO PEOPLE 15PTS

TOTAL POINTS 100

CASH BASH tickets will be available at the office during the fair. The 2009 Cash Bash will be held Saturday November 7, 2009 at St. Mary's Dome, Latrobe.

Questions ? Call 724-459-7018 or e-mail us at derrytwpagfair@yahoo.com

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