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# INTRODUCTION

In order to conform with the State Premium Guidelines Book, follow the Departments as they appear in the book, in the order shown; however, you need not list classes in which you do not wish to ask for exhibits. By the same procedure, you may add classes and you will not be censured. The important thing is that the Departments conform with this book.

ALL PREMIUMS IN THIS BOOK WILL BE REIMBURSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW AND RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE PENNSYLVANIA AGRICULTURAL FAIR PROGRAM REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT AN ADMISSION IS CHARGED TO VIEW THE CONTEST.

NON-CASH AWARDS: Ribbons, Rosettes, and Trophies will be reimbursable at the rate of 50%. All sponsored premium moneys, ribbons, and trophies must be deducted. *Premiums must be paid by check only.*

**THE FAIR PROGRAM WILL NOT REIMBURSE ANY PORTION OF PREMIUMS, RIBBONS, NOR ANY OTHER EXPENSES PAID FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

Any Entertainment  
Hell Drivers  
Professional Performers  
ATV Races or Contests  
Demolition Derbies  
Queen Contest, except Fair Queen  
Parades, except Band Competition

**FAIR PROGRAM DOES NOT REIMBURSE FOR ENTERTAINMENT EXPENSES**

## GENERAL RULES

The State Premium Book has been arranged so that fairs may incorporate all or parts of it in their individual fair premiums books.

All fairs who receive Fair Program grants shall conform with this book when preparing their premium books. This means you shall follow the position of a Department as shown. You need not show any Departments for which you do not want exhibits.

Every exhibit accepted for premiums must be given an ENTRY TAG which must be PROPERLY MARKED to SHOW THE NAME OF THE EXHIBIT. In the case of livestock, BREED NAME MUST BE SHOWN on cards large enough so that the BREED NAME CAN BE READILY IDENTIFIED BY THE VIEWERS.

If the livestock is grouped together according to breed, one large sign to designate the group will be satisfactory. The ribbons or rosettes must be placed on the stall or pen of the individual winners for the duration of the fair or show. In the case of poultry, ENTRY TAGS SHOWING SPECIES must be plainly exhibited on each cage, and winning stickers must appear on such entry tags showing winners. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in forfeiture of premiums. It will be the duty of the fair or show officials to enforce this regulation.

We want each fair to encourage exhibitors in each class at your fair; however, in some of your departments, facilities may limit the number of entries. Accordingly, in some classes or divisions, you may limit the number of entries per exhibitor in each class.

IT IS PERMISSIBLE TO CHARGE AN ENTRY FEE.

1. All exhibitors agree to be bound by the rules and regulations of  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Fair
2. The fair management reserves the right to amend or add to these guidelines as its judgment may determine.
3. Reasonable care will be taken to protect all exhibits on display from all injury and damage but the fair is not, in any way, to be held responsible for accidents, loss or damage by water, fire, theft, or otherwise, whatever may be the cause or extent of the damage or loss.
4. Entries will be made according to classification.

5. Premiums, as listed may be given for meritorious exhibits. In cases where there is no competition, judges may give an award such as they deem the exhibit is worthy to receive. 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.

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.

THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL IN ALL CASES except where mistakes, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion - not discovered at the time of the award--is proved. In such cases, the superintendent, manager, or secretary of the fair or show, or such referee as he may appoint, may make the decision. The case may be appealed to the Fair Management or Show Commission from whose decision there can be no appeal. It is suggested that each fair have a committee of three board members designated prior to fair time for this purpose.

All protests regarding the judging must be made in writing and must plainly state the cause of the complaint or appeal. Such protests must be filed at the fair office within 24 hours of the occurrence.

6. It shall be the responsibility of the exhibitor TO PROPERLY NAME THE ARTICLE OR BREED OF LIVESTOCK he is entering. Any exhibit improperly entered will be disqualified to receive a premium, but the judges will make the correct name on the entry tag for the benefit of the owner so the same mistake in entering need not be made the second time.
7. All entries must have been grown, produced, or made since the last fair by the person whose name appears on the tag as exhibitor. If entries are to be limited to residents of the county, or to a specified area, this must be stated in the fair's premium book or tabloid under the rules section, .  
  
Any exhibitor may be required to prove ability to reproduce entry in any department in the presence of a qualified person.
8. Superintendents reserve the right to bar from competition any entry of inferior quality and those not possessing sufficient merit to warrant recognition. The fair reserves the right to remove any exhibit not worthy of viewing by the public.
9. Food products cannot be treated with any substance that causes them to become poisonous and unfit to be used for consumption. Any such incidents must be reported to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Fair Program for further review.
10. No exhibit may be removed at any time before the close of the fair except by consent of the management of the fairs.
11. Where award ribbons are stolen or destroyed, the exhibitor may receive a duplicate at the close of the fair or show which shall be supplied by the fair free of charge.
12. Judging is viewed as an educational process and the public is encouraged to view the judging event. Any exhibitor interfering with the judges while making awards shall forfeit any premium to which he would otherwise have been entitled. Each fair is to implement this effort based on available space.

DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENTS MAY ENTER EXHIBITS IN THEIR OWN DEPARTMENTS, but neither they nor any other exhibitor may communicate with the judges during the time of determining the awards, except to answer questions proposed by the judges.

13. All livestock offered for premiums must have been the property of the owners for thirty (30) days or longer. Health papers are to be issued in the name of the exhibitor.
14. The market animals should be weighed on the same set of scales under a qualified weight master, under the direction of the fair.
15. Should any animal awarded a prize be disqualified, the animals gaining the lower prizes shall move into the next higher position, if in the opinion of the judges, the animals are worthy of such prizes.
16. Overfitting of cattle is discouraged. Any artificial means used to change the form or shape of an animal will disqualify it from competition.
17. When on exhibition in the ring, each animal must be under halter in charge of owner or employee. The fair will have stand-by attendants available during the youth judging or showing, men designated if there is trouble with the animals.
18. Joint ownership is considered to be as one owner in accordance with registration papers.
19. Recognizing the fact that it is not possible to list every desirable or worthwhile Class in each Section of each Department, and that fashion and fad--particularly in the areas of Needlecraft, Domestic Art, and Fine Art--may change the norm, it is intended that each fair shall add or delete classes in what they perceive to be their own best interest. SUCH CHANGES SHALL NOT IN ANY WAY JEOPARDIZE THE PREMIUM REIMBURSEMENT UP TO THE MAXIMUM set forth in each Section of each Department.
20. It is permissible for each fair to establish Supreme Champion classes.

### GOOD HOUSEKEEPING AWARDS FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS

	<u>Points</u>
CLEANLINESS OF ANIMALS	15
CLEANLINESS OF BEDDING	15
ENTRY CARD & RIBBONS WON & PROPERLY DISPLAYED WITH ANIMAL	20
KEEPING HAY AND FEED PRESENTABLE	10
KEEPING ALL EQUIPMENT SANITARY AND NEAT	10
KEEPING AISLES CLEAN	15
COURTESY TO PEOPLE	<u>15</u>
TOTAL POINTS	100

#### Classes

1. Daily Prizes
2. Cumulative Prizes

## **HEALTH RULES AND REGULATIONS**

All animals admitted to (show or fair) shall be identified by a unique and permanent ear tag, tattoo, brand or records of unique physical attributes. Animals known to be infected with or exposed to any contagious, infectious or external parasitic disease, and animals restricted by quarantine may not be assembled for show purposes.

All animals admitted to (show or fair) must comply with applicable state (7 PA Code) or federal (9 CFR) rules. All cloven-hoof animals, not subject to 7 PA. Code or 9 CFR, including members of the deer and camilid families, shall have been born in Pennsylvania or resided in Pennsylvania for at least six (6) months and shall be brucellosis and tuberculosis tested (negative) by an accredited veterinarian within 60 days of admission to the show.

Animals presented for exhibition will be subject to inspection by show officials and will be rejected if evidence of infectious, contagious or parasitic disease is apparent or if health certification or identification documentation is not acceptable.

All show animals should be held in isolation for at least 30 days after return to the herd or origin.