

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **Exhibitors:**

MAKE ALL ENTRIES TO: CHENANGO COUNTY FAIR, P.O. BOX 622, NORWICH, NEW YORK 13815, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

Entries are open to residents of Chenango County except as otherwise stated in various departments.

Entries may be made by mail or personally at any time after this list is received and the Secretary's Office at Gate 1 is opened. Electronic applications may be submitted online with Fair Entry. Exhibitors are earnestly requested to familiarize themselves with the premium book and regulations so as to make certain in which sections and department their entries belong as well as period of the exhibit.

**Exhibitors Must Make Entries Upon Chenango County Entry Blanks. Additional Blanks furnished upon request.**

Various departments require the use of double entry cards. These cards are available at the main gate and must be attached to the exhibits at the time they are brought for exhibition.

Each Exhibitor must purchase an Exhibitor's Pass for \$7.00 and this fee must accompany the entry blank. Anyone meeting membership requirements may purchase a Membership Ticket in lieu of an Exhibitor's Pass.

No entry fee is required for the Youth Dept., School Arts Dept., or Fireperson's Parade.

Articles of domestic manufacture to compete for premiums must have been manufactured within one year before the Fair.

Competition is defined as a contest for supremacy between two or more products or articles or animals owned by separate exhibitors.

Exhibitors having no competition in a class or section will be awarded but one premium (the first or second premiums, as the judges think deserved) and all premiums will be awarded subject to the action of the Board of Directors.

**All exhibits must be in place no later than 9:00 A.M. on the first day of the Fair except as otherwise noted.**

NO ARTICLES MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE GROUNDS BEFORE THE LAST DAY OF THE FAIR. This rule will be rigidly enforced, as it is the purpose of the management, under direction from the State Department of Agriculture & Markets, to have all exhibits on the closing day equally as attractive in every department as at any time during the week.

Any exhibitor entering Open class after winning in 4-H Class must fill out a new Entry Blank and pay required Entry Fees for the class. No prize monies will be paid unless the exhibitor has paid an entry fee and filled out a new Entry Blank for Open Class. Exhibitors are requested to examine their entry blanks at the time of making the entries so that if any mistakes have been made, they can be corrected. No person can make any change or withdraw any articles 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 fees.

Any exhibitor who will make, or cause to be made, any false statement in regard to any animal or articles exhibited, or who will attempt to interfere with the judges in performance of their duties by letter circular, or otherwise, or who will solicit other exhibitors not to exhibit against him will forfeit all claims to premiums so made.

Sufficient police will be in attendance each day and night during the Fair for the preservation of order upon the grounds. While the Society will take all precautions possible for the safety of articles and stock of exhibitors while upon the grounds, they will not be responsible for any loss of exhibits, animals, or equipment in case of fire, cyclone, theft or from any other cause. The Society will not assume any liability for personal injury sustained either by 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 will be responsible for any loss, injury, or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any articles on exhibition, and the exhibitor responsible for any loss, injury, or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any articles on exhibition, and the exhibitor will indemnify the Fair, the Society, and Management, against all legal or other proceeding in regard thereto.

No immoral or lewd exhibition, gambling or games of chance will be allowed on the grounds. This rule will be rigidly enforced by the New York State Police.

Premiums will be paid by check at the close of the Fair or through the mail as soon as possible. In paying premiums, no evidence of an award will be recognized except the Judges' Books properly signed by the Judges and not from ribbons that may be attached to the exhibits.

Should stormy weather or unavoidable occurrence interpose at any Fair to reduce the net receipts below the requirements for premium, the society reserves the right to pay premiums on a pro rata basis after all expenses are paid.

As the management is required by law to make an early detailed report to the State Agricultural Department,

**ALL CHECKS ISSUED FOR PREMIUMS MUST BE CASHED WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF RECEIPT.**

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 the protest with a deposit of \$5.00.

Premiums will not be paid on animals or articles of an inferior merit although there may be no competition.

No entries will be accepted on anything which is not listed in the premium book. The Society reserves the right to decline any exhibit.

The judges composing the Awarding Committee will meet at the Secretary's Office 30 minutes before the time appointed for the examination of their respective classes, to receive their lists and will complete their duties as soon as practicable and report to the Secretary's Office.

The Judges are particularly requested to examine thoroughly the Rules and Regulations of the Society and become familiar with their duties and report themselves to the Superintendents of their several departments in which they are requested to act as Judges. Should any doubt arise as to the regularity of entry, or other important matter which the committee feels incompetent to decide, it will at once report the same to the Superintendent of the proper division for decision.

Any exhibitor's non-sportsmanlike conduct will forfeit all premiums and show privilege for the next year as determined by the Superintendent and the Fair Board.

The Superintendent will direct the arrangement of all articles or animals or exhibitions in his department.

Each Superintendent is charged with caring for and returning the entry book of his department with the awards of each article duly and properly entered therein, and each book signed by himself and the judge who made the award, as premiums cannot be paid unless this is done.

Exhibitors wishing to erect separate buildings or additional work in buildings or elsewhere should make their request to the Secretary. In all cases the exhibitors must bear the expense. Any structure erected and not removed within seven days after the close of the Fair will become the property of the Chenango County Fair.

Campers/tents are permitted as a convenience to exhibitors who must tend to their exhibits (such as livestock) and permits are issued on a first come, first serve basis. Notice will be provided of the date for sign up for the space. No camper/tents will be permitted without a completed request form.