

Rules and Regulations

**Violation of the Rules and Regulations listed below will result in the dismissal of the exhibitor's livestock with forfeit of premium and entry fee.*

1 SUBMITTING ENTRIES AND FEES

- 1.1 All entries must be submitted using the entry blank enclosed or online. Please complete in full.
- 1.2 Entry fees must be included with entries. No entry fees will be refunded. **A \$35.00 surcharge will be charged for each returned check. If not paid will not exhibit following year.**
- 1.3 All entries must be in the name of the actual owner or authorized agent of the owner.
- 1.4 No more than two entries may be entered in any one class by the same exhibitor.
- 1.5 Entries must be **postmarked or entered online by July 24th** of the current year unless otherwise specified. Entries will not be accepted after that date.
- 1.6 In addition, all 4-H entries must also submit an **Extension 4-H Project Form to the Extension Office by June 1** (with the exception of Market Livestock Project entries made at time of fair weigh-in).
- 1.7 **Space for campers up to and including 34-feet is available for \$150.00 - \$200.00 per week.** Back row spaces have sewage and water hookup. Spaces will be assigned based on lottery. Please see attached camper application for more details. **Camper space will be assigned.**
- 1.8 Mail fair entries with payment to: Greene County Fair Board, PO Box 806, Waynesburg, PA 15370.

2 GENERAL ENTRY INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Management reserves the right to withhold any premium awarded under false representations or not in accordance with the Rules and Regulations and the premium list.
- 2.2 Where entry or entries are not up to standard, the Judge may award no premium, or may award no First Premium and may award Second Premium, even where there is but one entry.
- 2.3 Any exhibitor attempting to influence a judge's decision shall forfeit all claims to premiums.
- 2.4 Exhibitors must deliver their stock and articles to the Superintendent of the designated departments.

3 LIVESTOCK

- 3.1 All animals, including 4-H, must be in their places Sunday, August 4 by 3:30 pm and cannot be removed until. **Livestock is not permitted to leave the grounds before 10pm on Saturday August 10, except for livestock entered in the Washington County Fair (with proof) and 4-H & FFA Market Livestock going to slaughter. Livestock will be released by representative doing the slaughter house list. Any other not on the slaughter list MUST stay.** Early removal will result in loss of premium and award. Please check with superintendent of the barn on time.
- 3.2 All animals, their health papers, and the Verification form will be checked by an authorized agent before unloading between the hours of 8:30 am to 3 pm Sunday. **Please make copy of this form for the fair to keep.**
- 3.3 **No straw or bedding will be provided for livestock.**
- 3.4 Occupants of stalls are required to keep them open during the hours of Exhibition. See Fair Hours.
- 3.5 With the exception of service dogs and carnival animals, only animals registered on a fair entry form with fees paid can be brought into the fair. All animals entered must be shown.
- 3.6 Exhibitors must be ready to show stock at the time designated in the program.
- 3.7 All livestock exhibitors must have health certificates available to show officials if requested and **a copy when checking in for the fair to keep.**
- 3.8 Exhibitors of purebred stock must have registration certificates available to show judges, other exhibitors, or superintendents if requested.
- 3.9 Individual animals shown in "all of the group" and "herd classes" must have also been entered and shown in a single animal class.
- 3.10 Substitutions will only be accepted in the case of an accident to or sickness of the animal originally entered. For premium to be paid after entries are closed for a substitution, request must be made to the Secretary's Office **before noon** on Sunday, August 4.

3.11 **USE CAUTION WHEN FITTING ANIMALS.** Be sure to use only grooming products that are approved for use on meat and dairy animals when fitting your animals for show. Unapproved products may contain ingredients that result in unacceptable residues in the meat or milk. If you are not certain that a product is residue safe and approved for use on meat or dairy animals, do not use it!

*****IMPORTANT*** If upon slaughter treatment with drugs, biologics, or any chemical from fitting products, is the cause of condemnation of a carcass, the loss of the carcass and any other damages will be borne by the exhibitor.**

3.12 Sheep/Goat Blocking stands and Cattle Working Chutes can only be set-up in designated areas. They are not permitted to be set-up and used in wash racks and aisle ways. Department Superintendents can provide guidance on stand placement and indicate the need to relocate the stand or chute.

3.13 **RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT AROUND THE GROUNDS.** Animals are not permitted above the cattle barn for any reason. This restriction includes the carnival area and the bleachers.

4 **PROTEST/APPEALS POLICY – Filing a Formal Protest**

4.1 Concerns about improper or unethical practices, procedures, or behavior in relation to and in violation of the fair rules as stated in this premium book will only be considered and investigated if submitted in the form of a **Formal Protest**.

4.2 Judge's decisions on placings and awards are final and cannot be protested.

4.3 A **Formal Protest** must be presented in writing to the Fair Management office secretary within 24 hours of the alleged violation and must be accompanied by a \$100.00 deposit made Payable to the Greene County Fair by cash, money order, or certified check. The deposit will only be returned if the protest is determined to be valid.

4.4 The protest will be reviewed by the Fair's Board of Directors or designees. The Board will make a decision and take appropriate action. If determined to be a 4-H matter, the Board can refer the protest to the 4-H matter, the Board can refer the protest on to the 4-H Extension Office for consideration.

4.5 If the protest cannot be resolved by the Board of Directors, legal authorities may intervene.

5 **GENERAL FAIR GROUND AND SAFETY INFORMATION**

5.1 No Alcoholic beverages are permitted.

5.2 No bicycles or motorcycles will be permitted in the Livestock Areas or Carnival Areas.

5.3 No Smoking is permitted in any building.

5.4 Security will be provided by security personnel on the grounds by day and watchmen by night. Care will be taken for the preservation of stock and articles on exhibition and for the safety of visitors however, the management takes NO responsibility for loss or accident from any cause.

5.5 All vehicle parking is at "Your Own Risk." All livestock trailers are to be removed from the grounds on Sunday evening - no parking is permitted on the grounds.

5.6 No drugs anywhere.

5.7 No animals to be above the arena barn leading to the midway at any time!

6 **PREMIUMS**

6.1 All livestock premiums will be mailed out from the fair office. Premium checks will be distributed the week following the Fair only to exhibitors that remained on the grounds until 10pm on Saturday, August 10. Early removal will result in loss of premium and award.

6.2 **Checks not cashed after 60 days are null and void, will not be reissued, and become property of the fair.**

Appendix 2

Pennsylvania Code of Show Ring Ethics

Pennsylvania has developed a Code of Show Ring Ethics to curtail unethical, deceptive and fraudulent show ring practices. The Code is as follows: Exhibitors of animals at the Fair shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at the livestock show. All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are junior an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible