

RULES, REGULATIONS, GENERAL INFORMATION FOR OPEN CLASS

Please visit our website or contact the fair board for rules, regulations and Information regarding specific divisions.

(Rules, Regulations and Information subject to change)

1. General Supervision

The Fair Board and law enforcement officers provide supervision of the grounds and exhibits.

2. Superintendents, their Duties and Powers

The superintendents (selected by the fair board) shall be responsible to the Fair Board for his/her respective department and shall have the power, with the consent of the Fair Board, to appoint such aides or assistants as necessary. Said Superintendent shall see that all articles on exhibit or belonging to the association or exhibitor are carefully preserved. They shall also perform such duties as the Board of Directors may find necessary.

3. Interpretation of Rules

The Fair Board reserves the right, final and absolute to interpret these rules and regulations. All matters, questions and differences in regard to, arising from, connected with or incident to the Fair will be arbitrarily settled by the Fair Board.

4. Peddlers and Concessionaires Licenses

No person shall be allowed to sell or give away articles on the Fairgrounds or surrounding Fair owned property at any time without permission being given by the Fair Board. Permission is constituted by a completed, signed registration form to the fair secretary **prior** to fair week (August 24-27) and written receipt given by the fair secretary. Signature gatherers, groups selling raffle tickets and other solicitors must also register at the Fair Office. All concessions on the grounds will be under the supervision of the Fair Board. Proof of insurance and appropriate licenses' must be shown at time of registration.

5. Eligibility to Exhibit

Any resident of the United States will be eligible to exhibit for prizes in the regular exhibitor/premium list. Special Open Classes and/or Contests may be set up by the Board of Directors, if warranted and limited to Sherman County residents.

6. Clerk's Entry Books

No clerk shall, under any circumstances, allow the entry books to leave the clerk's possession or be inspected by anyone other than the clerk or other officials until entries are closed or judging complete.

7. Entry Dates for Livestock, Poultry, Rabbits

All entries for livestock, rabbits and poultry must be complete by 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday of the

Fair. (August 24, 2022). Cattle must be in place by Wednesday at 12 noon. Other livestock, poultry and rabbits must be in place by Wednesday at 6 p.m. All entries and fees must be made in the Fair Office. When stalls are full, entries will be closed. First come, first-serve basis only.

No phone requests will be taken.

Entries for the horse games will be taken at the fair office. Early sign up is encouraged. Entries will be accepted until the start of the event. Games will start promptly at 8:30 am Saturday, August 27. There must be 3 entries to have a class, if less than 3 entries, classes may be combined. All decisions will be made by the fair board.

Entry dates other than livestock: **All open class entries are due by 6 p.m. on Wednesday of the Fair.** Fresh flowers and baked goods need not be in place until 8:15 a.m. on Thursday. All other Open Class entries, including arrangements featuring grain and potted plants, must be in place by 6 p.m. Wednesday. Exhibits must be groomed and ready for exhibit.

8. Livestock entry Fees

Entry Fees --- Open Class

The schedule of fees, due at the Fair Office with completed entry forms, is as follows:

Open Class Horses	\$ 0.00	per class/game
Open Class Cattle	\$ 5.00	per head
Open Class Swine	\$ 4.00	per head
Open Class Sheep	\$ 4.00	per head
Open Class Goats	\$ 4.00	per head
Poultry and Rabbit	\$ 1.00	per head

9. Stall Deposits, User Fees

A \$5.00 non---refundable stall fee, for the entire week will be required for all open class horses and livestock. If stalls are left unclean, all premiums will be forfeited. Barn superintendents will assign stalls and provide a list to the fair office. Bedding is provided by the Sherman County fair Board, however feed, pans and water buckets must be provided by the exhibitors. Stalls will be cleaned by the exhibitor and done by 8:00 a.m. daily, unless barns superintend directs otherwise.

10. Registration Requirements

All purebred livestock, to be eligible to compete for premiums at any Fair held by this association, must be accompanied by certificate of registration, duly certified by the recognized registry of that particular breed or certified pedigree, conforming to all requirements usual demanded to insure acceptance by the established records of said animal for registry. If under one year old, competitors for premiums must be offspring of sire or dam who duly recorded and/or eligible thereto, and it shall be the duty of the entry clerk to reject any and all applications not complying with these conditions. The owner of the dam at the time of service is recognized as the breeder of the offspring. Papers should be kept available in case the judge should call for them in the show ring.

11. 4-H and FFA Members Eligible to Compete & Herdsmanship in all Barns

Club members are limited to two market animals per species to exhibit and sell at the Sherman County Youth Livestock Auction Sale. 4-H and FFA market and breeding livestock will not be allowed to enter open class. **All animal exhibitors** *must and will check in with the barn superintendents for their barn duty schedule.* All Exhibitors will have at least one shift per day during the fair week. If exhibitors do not do required barn duty, they will forfeit all premiums monies and animal placement in the auction.

12. Errors in Entry

If it is ascertained that any animal or article is entered in a Division or Class in which it does not properly belong, it is the duty of Superintendent to investigate, and if by mistake, to correct and also notify the fair secretary; otherwise, the judge is instructed not to award a premium.

13. Exhibitor Must Be Bona Fide Owner

Every animal or article must be entered for competition in the name of the bona fide owner. Anyone who tries to deceive the committee in regard to the ownership, or who purchases articles, or borrows them, and exhibits them in his or her name as of his or her manufacture, shall forfeit all claims as an exhibitor.

14. Responsibility of Exhibitors

All animals are to be treated in a humane manner. Exhibitors must be in a position to bring out their stock as their classes are called for judging. Exhibitors must at all time give necessary and personal attention to whatever they may have on exhibition, and at the close of the Fair take every precaution in their power for the preservation of all articles and stock on exhibition, but will not be accountable for loss or damage. **All exhibitors will properly water, feed and clean animal pens. All exhibitors are required to do barn duty.** Check with barn superintendent for your requirements. If exhibitor fails to do so, they will meet with the Grievance Committee and may be subject to removing the animal, losing all premiums and awards received during Fair. All open class, 4-H and FFA beef animals will have neck ropes/chains to insure control and safety, primarily at night.

15. Premiums

All premiums (Open Class, 4-H & FFA) will be paid by cash at the fair office. Premium payout times will be posted during the fair week. (Friday, Saturday & Sunday). If exhibitor is under the age of 14 a parent/guardian must sign for the premium money. Ribbon/stickers denoting awards will be awarded in the following colors: First Premium-Blue; Second Premium-Red; Third Premium-White. No animal or article deemed unworthy shall be awarded a premium just because there is no competition. If the article is not worthy of a first place, it may be awarded a second, third, etc.

Premium money's will **not** be mailed and will be forfeited back to the Sherman County Fair if not picked up by August 28, 2022. Should any exhibitor select to donate their premiums or ribbons back to the fair, a receipt of donation will be issued from the fair secretary for your tax records. Thank you for your donation!!

16. Special Awards

The management does not guarantee delivery of premiums donated by others. When special awards are offered by various individuals, the donors are responsible for the delivery of the prizes to the Fair Secretary. The Fair Board may have to issue a request for the prize, if not in place, in order for the parties winning the prize to collect it.

17. Superintendents' Exhibits

Superintendents and others who are helping during the receiving of Entries must have their entry blanks filed with the Exhibit Clerk by 6 p.m., Wednesday of Fair week.

18. Release of Exhibits

All exhibits may be picked up before 1 p.m. the last day of fair (Sunday 8/28). 4-H and Open Class exhibits will be released by 1 p.m. on Sunday of Fair. All articles not claimed by 1 p.m. will be held under lock and key and the key held at the fair office for 7 days, then discarded.

19. Lost and Found

Each year, many articles are turned into the fair office. Please check there whenever you have something missing. After Fair, please feel free to contact the Secretary at 541-565-3510 to see about your lost items getting returned to you.

HOUSEHOLD ARTS & GENERAL INFORMATION

1. One (1) entry per class, and or lot.
2. Eligibility to Exhibit: Open to any resident of the United States. No 4-H projects can be shown in open class.
3. Entry Date: All entries must be made before 6:00 p.m., Wednesday the week of Fair. Baked goods and fresh flowers must be entered by Wednesday, but need not be in place until Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m. All other articles must be in the pavilion by Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. the week of the Fair. No late entries will be judged.
4. Errors in Entry: If an article is entered in a division or class to which it does not belong, it is the duty of the superintendent to investigate and to correct the situation; otherwise, the judge is instructed not to award a premium.
5. Unworthy Exhibit: No article deemed unworthy shall be awarded a premium and no premium shall be awarded just because there is no competition. If an article is not worthy of a first premium it may be awarded second, third or no premium at all. Rusty lids or rings, sticky or dirty jars for canned articles will be deemed unworthy.

6. Entries Limited to One Class: No article will be allowed to compete for more than one premium, nor shall it be entered in more than one class. Articles MUST have been completed in the past 12 months. Every article must be entered in the name of the bona fide maker or creator.
7. All canned fruits must be exhibited in canning jars and must have rings and lids. Jelly and jam entries must be in jelly or jam jars. All freezer foods must be exhibited in standard transparent containers with airtight lids.
8. We require labels on canned food exhibits listing the processing time and method use (i.e., either pressure canning or boiling water canning). This will enable judges to evaluate safety before tasting products.

HOME CANNING UPDATE FOR FAIR EXHIBITORS

It's important to use up to date recommendations for home canning.

These are included in publications, which are available at the County Extension Office:

JAMS AND JELLIES

County Extension Offices can provide up to date information on safe home preservation recommendations.

PICKLES

County Extension Offices can provide up to date information on safe home preservation recommendations.

PREMIUMS FOR OPEN CLASS LIVESTOCK & HORSES

1 st Place	\$15.00
2 nd Place	\$10.00
3 rd Place	\$5.00

PREMIUMS FOR OPEN CLASS POULTRY & RABBITS

1 st Place	\$4.00
2 nd Place	\$2.00
3 rd Place	\$1.00

PREMIUMS FOR OPEN CLASS PAVILION & KID'S KORNER

1 st Place	\$4.00
2 nd Place	\$2.00
3 rd Place	\$1.00

SPECIAL PREMIUMS FOR THE GRAIN DIVISION

1 st Place	\$25.00
2 nd Place	\$20.00
3 rd Place	\$15.00